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US launches Operation Persuasion

Reagan men fly in to rebuild trust

● The Secretary of State, Mr George Shultz, the Attorney-General, Mr Edwin Meese and the Defence Secretary, Mr Caspar Weinberger are on a mission to restore faith in US foreign policy.

● Vice-Admiral John Poindexter and Lieutenant-Colonel Oliver North again claimed the protection of the Fifth Amendment before a House of Representatives Foreign Affairs Committee.

● Mrs Thatcher vigorously urged a critical European Parliament to build up the Atlantic alliance rather than viewing links with Washington only through "the prism of commercial disputes".

By Michael Evans and Andrew McEwen

President Reagan sent three senior members of his cabinet to London to begin restoring the confidence of the European allies in his foreign policy, it was admitted yesterday.

The damage limitation exercise has involved a spate of meetings with British ministers and will be continued in Brussels from today to Friday.

The admission that the London visits were co-ordinated emerged in a press conference by Mr Edwin Meese, the US Attorney General. He said that he, together with Mr George Shultz, the US Secretary of State, and Mr Caspar Weinberger, the Defence Secretary, had come to London "to lay out what the President's plan was and what his future plans were" in relation to Iran.

A comparable admission was made by Mr Shultz speaking to reporters travelling with him from Washington.

"I have a rebuilding job to do and that is what I am going to do on this trip, but of course it is not just a matter of talking to them. It is a process of working at the development and administration of our foreign policy," he said.

The operation was timed to take advantage of the presence in London yesterday of the 12 EEC interior and justice ministers for anti-terrorist talks. The Brussels mission makes use of a crucial Nato meeting.

Confidence was initially badly shaken within the Alliance by the revelation that Washington broke its own cardinal rule of not selling arms to nations engaged in state-sponsored terrorism, while at the same time telling the Europeans not to do so.

A determined effort to present a united front was made both at last week's Nato defence ministers' meeting in Brussels and at the EEC summit in London at the weekend. Despite this, both Whitehall and Nato headquarters identified the need for a greater effort by Washington.

A high Nato source said yesterday: "No one in going to rock the boat. The ministers will want to hear warm comforting words of reassurance from Washington. No one has any interest in Reagan being a lame duck."

Mr Shultz's "rebuilding" efforts began at a lunch yesterday with Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary, and his French and German counterparts, M Jean-Bernard Raimond and Herr Hans Dietrich Genscher. Later he held a private meeting with Sir Geoffrey.

Today Mr Shultz flies to Brussels to continue the effort in the North Atlantic Council, the principal annual meeting of Nato foreign ministers.

On Monday Mr Weinberger held separate talks with the Prime Minister, Mrs Thatcher, Sir Geoffrey and the Defence Secretary, Mr George Younger, in London.

Meanwhile two more members of the Administration were due in London late last night to join Mr Clayton Yeutter, the US Trade Representative, who held a round of talks yesterday. Mr Richard Lyng, the US Agriculture Secretary, and Mr Malcolm Baldrige, the US Commerce Secretary, are to meet their British opposite numbers today before the three men fly to Brussels together.

American sources said that although the three were not part of the same exercise their presence was bound to show that Washington took very seriously the need to consult Whitehall.

On Friday Mr Shultz is to lead the three to a meeting with the European Commission, headed by M Jacques Delors.

Another senior US official, Mr Richard Murphy, who is assistant Secretary of State for Middle East Affairs, held a meeting in London yesterday

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The Times Profile: Professor Bhadra Ranchod, South Africa's first coloured ambassador, who takes up his post in Brussels tomorrow.

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Hopes dashed

Any hopes of English clubs returning to European competition within the next two years were dashed by the president of UEFA, Jacques Georges, in Zurich yesterday Page 38

Crusader blow

The British yacht White Crusader was beaten by America II yesterday and now has only a remote chance of qualifying for the semi-finals of the America's Cup Page 35

Oxford win

Oxford won the 105th University rugby match when they beat Cambridge 15-10 before a crowd of 40,000 at Twickenham Report, Page 38

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BAA, formerly the British Airports Authority, embarks on an advertising campaign this week to win investors in the run-up to privatization next summer Page 19

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Stronger links urged by Thatcher

From Richard Owen
Strasbourg

Mrs Thatcher yesterday urged the EEC to "build up the Atlantic relationship" rather than viewing European links with the United States only "through the prism of commercial disputes".

She told a stormy session of the European Parliament that Britain was now in the forefront of European affairs and "leading the pack" where other EEC states had shown lack of political willpower.

In a vigorous address to a largely critical European Parliament Mrs Thatcher said she was "very very disturbed" by anti-Americanism in Europe, which had to stand up for its trade interests and ensure that arms control deals did not damage European security.

The Prime Minister called on the Twelve to meet challenges within Europe, such as unemployment, as well as challenges to the EEC from outside, such as drugs and terrorism.

She was given a sceptical and at times hostile reception by Euro MPs, many of whom accused her of avoiding the real issues, such as farm spending and the budget crisis.

Mrs Thatcher replied that Britain was fully committed to Europe. It was the fault of other EEC states that issues like farm reform and air fares had been played down or ignored at the London summit.

She referred repeatedly to "our European community", raising eyebrows among Euro MPs, who do not regard her as being committed to the EEC.

Mr Alf Lomas, leader of the British Labour MEPs, said the summit had been a charade which avoided the main EEC issues, such as surpluses.

M Jacques Delors, the EEC Commission President, said the London summit had given rise to only moderate satisfaction and much disillusionment, but the lack of progress toward European integration was not only Britain's fault.

Mrs Thatcher said it was vital for the Twelve to act together on terrorism, as they had done in the face of Syrian-backed terrorism, and there must be "no concessions under duress to terrorists or their sponsors".

She confirmed that she had wanted farm reform to be in the London communique, which had been "singularly deficient" on agriculture and said Britain would not shy away from difficult decisions

Mrs Thatcher said it was now up to EEC farm ministers to tackle the "absurdity" of a situation in which farm incomes were decreasing while budgetary costs were increasing.

She said research spending and regional spending for the poorer southern EEC states could not co-exist with surplus storage charges or the cost of exporting food to Russia.

Paisley protest

There was a brief uproar in the European Parliament yesterday when Mrs Thatcher's address was disrupted by a protest by Dr Ian Paisley, the Ulster Unionist leader, (Richard Owen writes).
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Ex-Reagan aides refuse to testify

From Michael Binyon, Washington

To the palpable annoyance of the congressional investigating committee and of millions of Americans watching on televison, Vice-Admiral John Poindexter, the former National Security Adviser, and his former aide, Lieutenant-Colonel Oliver North yesterday refused to answer any questions on their roles in the Iran arms affair.

As in their earlier closed-door appearance before the Senate intelligence committee, they both invoked their Fifth Amendment rights against self-incrimination.

Members of the House foreign affairs committee were clearly frustrated that they were unable to question the two men who are generally considered the key figures in the whole affair. Several members said they were deeply upset to find two serving US officers invoking the Fifth Amendment – the first time a serving admiral had ever done so in the history of the US, one member said.

Admiral Poindexter and Colonel North, who have both been the subject of intense speculation and vilification over the past month, were equally distressed at not being able to speak out. "I don't think there is another person in America that wants to tell this story as much as I do," Colonel North said, his brow furrowed and his voice low.

Dressed in full Marines uniform, he said he was anxious to put the matter to rest fully and quickly. But despite his "strong desire" to give his recollection of the facts, his lawyer had advised him to say nothing.

Indeed, his dilemma prompted one congressman to say that he had "never seen more anguish or distress in the face of an individual who had had to testify before this committee."

Nevertheless, with an edge of hostility in his voice, one member insisted on asking the colonel what he knew about the transfer of funds to the Contras, so that he could hear, on the record, Colonel North's statement that "respectfully and regretfully" he declined to answer.

Admiral Poindexter said he understood the committee's concerns, and firmly believed it and the American people had the right to know all the relevant facts on the affair. He promised he would co-operate with the committee "at the appropriate time."

But under tough questioning, his lawyer, Mr Richard Beckler, refused to say when that time would come. He said he was "extremely concerned" by the criminal investigation set in motion with the appointment of an independent investigator, and in counselling silence he was only doing what any good lawyer would do

Prince William, following in the footsteps of his father, a famous amateur actor, took the part of a shepherd yesterday when his nursery school in London produced a nativity play.

Tebbit takes US stage for defence blow at Kinnock

By Robin Oakley, Political Editor

Mr Norman Tebbit, the Conservative party chairman, yesterday stepped up the Tory attack on Labour's non-nuclear policies before an American audience.

He was speaking at the River Club, New York, a day after Mr Neil Kinnock returned from the United States having failed to persuade a single Senator or Congressman to endorse his unilateralist defence policies.

Mr Tebbit said that Labour's policies would lead to appeasement in Europe, isolationism in America and the increased risk of war.

He told the American-European Community Association: "An irresponsible British Government, one hostile to the nuclear deterrent which is fundamental to Nato's strategy, would have appalling consequences not just for Britain but for our Nato partners: indeed for the whole world, since peace depends upon the stability of Nato and Europe".

Labour's belief in unconditional disarmament was sincere but it flew in the face of all human experience. When it had been tried before with chemical weapons the Soviets had responded by a huge build-up.

Mr Tebbit said: "Whilst Mr Kinnock says firmly that he is in favour of British membership of Nato, his policies would seem to make that membership impossible. Indeed, it seems to me that they would wreck Nato".

While in America Mr Kinnock had made an important pitch on Labour's willingness to spend more on building up conventional forces as Britain's contribution to Nato. Mr Tebbit said that the savings made from cancelling the Trident missile system, as Labour promised, would be small. They would buy no more than 300 extra tanks when the Warsaw Pact's superiority was 30,000 tanks.

Ignoring Mr Kinnock's attempts to present Mrs Thatcher and her Government as obstacles to the drive for disarmament, Mr Tebbit declared: "Only those prepared to ignore history, only those deaf to what the Soviet Union still proclaims, believe that the Soviets pose no threat".

He added, in a direct response to Mr Kinnock: "Conventional weapons alone have never deterred

In the Commons yesterday, Mr John Biffen, Leader of the House, answering for the Prime Minister in her absence, welcomed Mr Kinnock's return and stated officially the Tory view that defence would be a central issue of the next election. Letters, page 15

Showdown over Ryman seat ends in acrimony

Richard Evans, Political Correspondent

A showdown meeting between officials of the Labour Party and Mr John Ryman, MP for Blyth Valley, ended in an acrimonious confrontation yesterday which kept alive his threat of forcing a potentially embarrassing by-election in the marginal seat.

Mr Ryman, who is demanding an official investigation into his local party which he claims has been taken over by the extreme left, discussed the situation with Mr David Hughes, Labour's national agent, and Mr Andy McSmith, a party press officer.

He said afterwards: "There were some quite angry words. Some chap, a press officer – I didn't get his name – delivered a lecture on my duties as an MP.

"He obviously means well but I'm not going to be dictated to by some flunkey from head office."

Mr McSmith said: "I tried to find out whether he intended to resign or not. He told me it was none of my business." Mr Hughes is planning to spend two hours on Friday interviewing Blyth party members.

Labour MPs and party officials are adamant that while Mr Ronnie Campbell, chosen as Blyth's parliamentary candidate after Mr Ryman said he would not be standing at the next general election, is a left winger, he is certainly not a member of Militant.

Sunday racing backed by Hurd

By Philip Webster
Chief Political Correspondent

Mr Douglas Hurd, the Home Secretary, is encouraging the racing and betting industry to launch a sustained campaign to win support for horse racing on Sundays.

Mr Hurd has declared his personal support for Sunday racing, although no Government legislation is planned.

The Home Secretary is hoping that, during the next Parliament, a private member's Bill can be introduced to legalise betting on Sundays.

By that time, providing public opinion has been won over, it could, with Government support, have enough backing to become law.

Mr Hurd, who spoke last night to the Gimcrack dinner, held every year in York and attended by influential figures in the racing world, is firmly against the proposal, floated in the racing world, to go ahead with an experiment in Sunday racing without changing the law.

Under such a plan there would be credit betting facilities only, to avoid breaking the law. But Mr Hurd believes that such an experiment would lead to illegal betting on an unacceptable scale.

Mr Hurd's personal support for Sunday racing comes as a big boost to the racing industry, but he is making clear that he believes the cause has been set back by the defeat, earlier this year, of the Government's attempt to legalise Sunday trading.

He is therefore challenging the supporters of Sunday racing to embark on a long campaign, perhaps running for a few years, to stimulate support.

He is not standing in the way of an MP introducing an early Bill, but clearly believes that it would have a better chance of success if left until the next Parliament.

Labour's soaring rent debt

By Richard Evans
Political Correspondent

Brent council failed to collect rent from almost two thirds of its tenants last year, according to confidential figures prepared for the Department of the Environment.

The west London authority, the leaders of which have been labelled "loony lefties" by Conservative MPs, had rent arrears of £11 million for the 12 months up to April 1 this year – 63 per cent of the total payable.

The latest figures, compiled for Whitehall by local authorities, show that council rent arrears in England and Wales increased by £12 million during the year to a new record of £210 million. But they reveal that a mere 20 councils, all of them Labour controlled and most in London, are responsible for half the debt.

Mr John Patten, Minister for Housing, Urban Affairs and Construction, is understood to be outraged by the arrears.

The Audit Commission, the local authority spending watchdog, will face pressure to look at the bad record of the 20 councils when the report is published.

Zambian town in uproar over food price rise

A wave of rage swept through the northern Zambian town of Kitwe yesterday as thousands of people took to the streets in violent protests over price increases for basic foods of up to 50 per cent (Jan Raath writes from Harare).

Residents contacted in the town, the main urban centre in the country's copper-producing region, said police opened fire on rampaging mobs and fought them with tear-gas and baton charges.

The Government had made no comment by late yesterday.

Bank issues warning on credit terms

Individuals who had borrowed too much were finding it difficult to repay loans as banks offered more generous credit terms, the Bank of England said yesterday.

Mr Brian Quinn, head of banking supervision, said, in a speech to the 12th World Banking Conference in London, the rapid growth in the use of credit cards was adding an extra layer to many people's borrowing commitments. "There are signs of growing distress among borrowers who have overstretched themselves," he said. Credit warning, page 19

New drug stops accidental poisoning

By Pearce Wright
Science Editor

A painkilling drug that contains its own antidote against poisoning from an accidental or deliberate overdose was introduced in Britain yesterday.

The new pills are a version of paracetamol, one of the most popular analgesics. However, paracetamol claims 200 deaths a year and is involved in 2000 admissions to hospital a year, from accidental and deliberate drug overdoses.

The new drug has a second ingredient which counteracts the poisons from an overdose that cause irreparable liver damage.

Although it was approved by the Committee for Safety of Medicines three years ago, doctors have been unable to prescribe it.

A Department of Health and Social Security committee rejected an appeal to include the drug on the restricted list of medicines which the National health Service pays for.

The drug, called Pameton, will be available to doctors who want to issue prescriptions to patients prepared to pay for it.

The new painkiller will be more expensive than comparable analgesics. It costs £2.77 for 60 tablets.

The decision to exclude it from wider use in the National health Servicewas regretted by the Professor Andre McLean, the drug's discoverer, who said: "Until a safe form of paracetamol is widely available, we will go on seeing paracetamol overdose with severe and lethal effects to patients."

The new drug is based on research by Professor McLean, at the department of clinical pharmacology, University College, London, where a method was tested of incorporating a second substance that would neutralise the toxic by-products produced by an excess of paracetamol.

Paracetamol poisoning is unusual in that the fatality occurs not through loss of consciousness but by damage to the liver.

Professor McLean's team discovered how to reinforce protection of the liver from injury and destruction by stimulating the body to make extra amounts of the neutralising biochemicals.

The key lies in the addition to the drug of methionine, a naturally occurring molecule in food that belongs to the family of essential amino acids.

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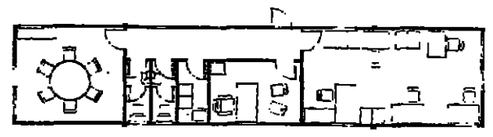

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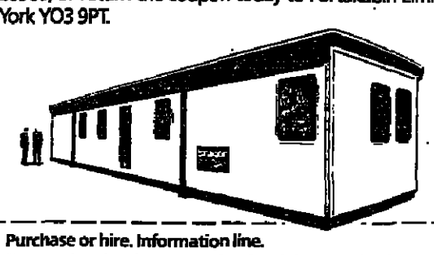

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NEWS SUMMARY

Young hints at more union laws

Trade unions that abuse their powers can expect further action against them, Lord Young of Graffham, the Secretary of State for Employment said last night (Our Employment Affairs Correspondent writes).

He told the Institute of Chartered Secretaries and Administrators that reports continued of flawed balloting procedures, of evasive rule changes and mass discipline of union members who declined to put union solidarity before their jobs. The Government was considering further proposals for action.

Air fare progress

Weeks of lobbying by British transport ministers have succeeded in edging Europe closer to accepting greater competition in the air

Mr John Moore, Secretary of State for Transport, and Mr Michael Spicer, the aviation minister, have succeeded in convincing Greece and Portugal that it could be in their interests to allow greater competition.

However Spain and Denmark are still refusing to yield in what they see as an essential battle to protect their own national airline.

Bribe duo convicted

Two businessmen were yesterday convicted of bribing Government officials at the Faslane submarine base on the Clyde, Strathclyde. They paid £22,000 to employees at the base as an inducement to allow the unauthorized removal of waste oil, Edinburgh High Court was told.They were also convicted of stealing waste oil.

John Nixon, aged 54, of Rainhill, and John Cackett, 43, of Scarisbrick, both Merseyside, had denied the charges.

Both men were remanded in custody

Stamps controversy

The Post Office yesterday defended its Christmas discount stamp offer, as supplies began to dry up in post offices around the country.

***Royal Mail spokesmen ruled out issuing new packs of* the second class stamps and said the offer had been an overwhelming success.**

They also rejected criticisms made by Mr Roy Hughes, the Labour MP for Newport East, who claimed the way the discounted booklets had been rationed negated any savings

College is sued

A student is to make legal history by taking High Court action against the college at Cambridge University which sent him down, in an attempt to win reinstatement.

Mr Dominic Oakes, aged 21, of Borlington Road, Sherwood, Nottingham, believes his image as a folk-singer with long hair tied in a pony-tail and support for CND led college authorities to discriminate against him.

Sydney Sussex College has refused to comment. Mr Oakes, who had passed his first and second year examinations, is now studying mathematics at Warwick University.

An Eye for an Eye

Mr Robert Maxwell's tit-for-tat battle with *Private Eye* backfired yesterday when W H Smith, the country's largest news wholesaler, announced that it would not be distributing spoof copies of the satirical magazine due to be published by Mirror Group Newspapers (MGN) today.

The announcement came just 24 hours after refusals by W H Smith and John Menzies, the second largest news wholesaler, to handle a bumper Christmas edition of *Private Eye* designed to replenish its coffers after the costly libel suit between the two old adversaries.

W H Smith said last night that the company's decision not to distribute MGN's *Not Private Eye* magazine had been taken on legal advice.

Athens could be weak link in EEC initiative

Greeks stay away in terror drive

By Michael Evans
Whitehall Correspondent

A secret EEC document outlining the first comprehensive analysis of terrorist organizations and operations in Europe, was drawn up and agreed by Interior Ministers of the Trevi Group on terrorism yesterday.

Only one country, Greece, refused to put its signature to the document, underlining fears that Athens could remain the weak link in Europe's drive to combat the terrorist threat on a co-ordinated basis

But Mr Douglas Hurd, Home Secretary, who chaired the Trevi Group meeting in London, said that this did not mean that Greece would become the back door route for terrorists planning to mount attacks against European targets. He admitted, though, that it was "sad" that Greece could not agree to sign the document.

The Greek government did not even send a minister to the meeting. It was represented by a civil servant who apparently did not have the authority to sign anything.

The meeting yesterday was the final session on terrorism by the Trevi Group under the chairmanship of Mr Hurd. With Britain ending its six months in the presidency of the European Council of Ministers on December 31, the chairmanship will be handed over to the Belgians.

Mr Hurd, who has made great play of the fact that he wanted a strong British initiative on terrorism during the six months, appeared to be pleased with the achievements.

He said that the secret document contained an analysis of the terrorist threat which would help all EEC anti-terrorist agencies. The document will now be shown to EEC foreign ministers to help form a concerted political strategy against terrorist activities.

Although he would not give details of what the document contains, he indicated that it listed the main terrorist organizations and networks which would have to be continually updated. He would not say whether the document named countries involved in state-sponsored terrorism.

Nurses to seek pay rises to keep staff

By Jill Sherman

Health unions are seeking a large basic increase for student nurses and auxiliaries in next year's pay award; to avoid dangerous shortages in nursing staff.

Yesterday, in their evidence to the Nurses and Midwives Pay Review body, staff side organizations made a claim for nurses to be brought into line with other public service workers.

They also sought an increase in additional payments, such as for working unsocial hours.

Next year's award should include a flat rate underpinning to favour the lower paid and percentage increases for other staff, whichever was the greater, they said.

Nursing leaders refused to put a figure on the rises needed but pointed out differences of 30 per cent between policemen and some nursing staff.

Mr Trevor Clay, general secretary of the Royal College of Nursing, said a police constable's starting salary was £7,752 a year while a qualified nurse with five years' experience received only £7,750.

Nursing leaders also gave a warning of the impending crisis in nurse recruitment because of difficulties in attracting and retaining staff.

Mr Hector Mackenzie, the staff side chairman, said that last year there was a 20 per cent fall in nurse recruits.

"Unless pay levels rise significantly there will not be enough nurses to care for patients in the future," he said.

School Bill anger

The Association of County Councils, which represents nearly half the local education authorities in England and Wales, has joined the growing opposition to the Bill which would give the Government control over the negotiation of teachers' pay and conditions.

In a letter to MPs on the eve of today's debate on the Bill's committee stage, the association, which speaks for nearly all the Conservative-controlled authorities, says its provisions "mark an immense move towards central control of the education service".

It condemns the Bill as inconsistent with the spirit of the 1944 Education Act and says there could be "no worse prescription for the future development of education".

It complains that the Bill "removes the employers from any decision-making machinery on such items of pay and other conditions as the Secretary of State may decide to keep to himself".

The Rev Ian Paisley interrupting Mrs Thatcher's speech at Strasbourg yesterday to protest over the Anglo-Irish agreement

Airbus sales windfall

By Harvey Elliott
Air Correspondent

The Government is set to cash in on the success of the Airbus A 320 short to medium-haul jet.

After this week's decision by Japan's All Nippon Airways to buy 10 A 320-200s, the Treasury is certain to get a good return on the £250 million it advanced to British Aerospace to help launch the project.

Airbus is now beyond the point at which it is certain to break even on sales of the A320. That means that the Government will not only get the £250 million back quickly but that it will receive royalties on every other aircraft sold, bringing in many millions of pounds in unexpected revenue to Treasury funds.

British Aerospace has been able to tell ministers that with 389 firm orders so far and more certain before the aircraft's first flight in March next year, the first £50 million lump-sum repayment will definitely be made in 1990 with similar amounts to follow over the next three years.

The success of the A 320 is being used as a strong argument in British Aerospace's, attempt to persuade the Government to provide a further £750 million in launch aid for the long-range A340, with which it hopes to challenge the supremacy of Boeing.

Liverpool goes to war on Militant

By Ian Smith, Northern Correspondent

The deposed leader of Liverpool City Council yesterday broke his self-imposed political silence to declare war on the Militant Tendency and its supporters within the city's Labour group.

Mr John Hamilton, who at 64 is the group's elder statesman, said that he will spearhead a revival of democratic socialism in a city he claims to have seen ripped apart by political extremists.

Two men he singled out for criticizm were Mr Derek Hatton, who has just resigned as deputy council leader, and Mr Tony Byrne, who two days ago kept his position as Labour group leader by defeating a vote of no confidence.

Mr Hatton, said the man once considered to be his stooge, has become an irritant to extremists who now consider him a spent force and expendable. Mr Hamilton described the former Labour group leader in everything but name as "a not very bright but very ambitious and egotistical lover of the limelight".

Mr Tony Byrne, he said, was a former trainee Jesuit priest with Stalinist leanings, far more intelligent, dangerous and devious than Mr Hatton.

He criticized the party's national executive committee for worsening an already sensitive situation and urged it not to interfere further in local affairs.

Mr Hamilton said: "The gloves are off and these people masquerading as socialists are in for the shock of their lives.

"For years I have kept my mouth shout and turned a blind eye to things I have known to be wrong just to keep some semblance of party unity. But from now on I will shout the truth from the rooftops.

"Ordinary people in Liverpool are heartily sick of being misused and abused by people who hide their real political selves.

"The extremists have landed us in a terrible mess and betrayed the trust put in them by every honest voter in this city. But now a very determined group of true socialists, about half those comprising the council's Labour group, have emerged and vowed to take no more lies or deceit.

"Every time the NEC sends an inquiry team into Liverpool they do very little except prove their incompetence. Much better leave it to the people on the spot who know who the enemy are and how best to defeat them."

Already, Mr Hamilton said, in-fighting has broken out between extremists groups within the city's Labour group. And he forecast it was only a matter of time before they destroyed each other.

Paisley in Euro protest

By Richard Owen

There was uproar yesterday when Mrs Margaret Thatcher's address to the European Parliament was disrupted by a protest by the Rev Ian Paisley, leader of the Democratic Unionist Party.

The Prime Minister had been on her feet for only a few minutes when Mr Paisley, a European MP, strode down to the rostrum and held a poster declaring: "Ulster says no" in front of her face.

Mrs Thatcher ignored him and continued, to laughter and catcalls from the left-wing benches. Mr Paisley then shouted: "Mrs Thatcher, you are a traitor to the loyalist people of Northern Ireland for denying them the right to vote on the Anglo-Irish agreement."

His fellow Unionist, Mr John Taylor, waved a similar poster from the back of the chamber, and British Conservative Euro MPs tried to snatch it from him.

Mr Paisley was removed by half a dozen parliamentary ushers while M. Pierre Pflimlin, aged 79, President of the Parliament, suspended the sitting for 10 minutes and apologized to Mrs Thatcher.

A spokesman for the Prime Minister said that it had been beneath her dignity to notice the interruption, which was "a minor inconvenience" compared to some happenings at Westminster.

Mr Paisley was unrepentant afterwards, denouncing the European Parliament as a body dominated by "communists and Roman Catholics". He was later readmitted to the chamber.

Mr Paisley boasted that the Prime Minister had been "visibly scared", by his protest, though in fact she neither responded nor looked in his direction.

Mr Tom King, Secretary of *State for Northern Ireland*, said that Mr Paisley had disgraced the image of the Province and he warned of the damage being done to prospects of further investment.

He said that Mr Paisley's action typified his inability to resist the opportunity for a publicity stunt,

New lease of life for assault ships

By Peter Davenport
Defence Correspondent

Mr George Younger, Secretary of State for Defence, announced yesterday that the Government had decided to retain the amphibious warfare capability of the Royal Marines.

The Commons statement was the outcome of a debate that has raged in the Ministry of Defence for three years.

At present Britain's amphibious capability is centred around the assault ships Fearless and Intrepid, which played vital roles in the Falklands campaign.

As a first procurement step the Ministry of Defence yesterday placed a £250,000 contract with Swan Hunter for a feasibility study into extending the life of the two ships, which were due to be phased out in the mid 1990s. The study is expected to take about six months.

The two ships each weigh 11,060 tons and went into service in the mid-1960s. When built Intrepid cost £10.5 million and Fearless £11.25 million. Building replacements today would cost more than £100 million each.

The ships are equipped with landing craft for vehicles and men, upto 15 tanks, 23 trucks and five helicopters and are armed with missiles and Bofors guns and can carry up to 500 marines.

In 1981 it was announced that both ships were to be taken out of service – Intrepid in 1982 and Fearless in 1984 – but in February 1982 they were reprieved, a decision more than justified by their role in Falklands conflict.

Mr Younger also announced yesterday that the Ministery of Defence is inviting industry to participate in feasibility studies for a new design for their eventual replacement.

At the same time the ministry will also be looking at the concept of an aviation support ship.

Mr Younger told the Commons yesterday: "I know this decision will be very well received both in the House and by our Nato partners who attach considerable importance to the contribution of our amphibious capability."

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Lawyers warn council over ban on Times

Glasgow's 59 Labour councillors have been warned by lawyers that they could face the threat of legal action, and the possibility of personal surcharges, if they continue to ban *The Times* and *The Sun* from public libraries.

But so far there has been no move to lift the ban. A number of Labour-controlled Scottish councils imposed bans on News International publications after the start of the Wapping print dispute nearly a year ago. But now most have quietly stopped the boycott.

A High Court ruling in England last month effectively ended similar bans by local authorities. The judge ruled them unlawful.

Scottish lawyers have advised councils that a similar view would likely be taken north of the border and that individual councillors could be liable to personal surcharges.

News International has so far made no move to begin an action in the Scottish courts.

Correction

Solicitors working for lay employers under proposed revised practice rules would not be able to do legal work for the public as reported on Monday, but the Law Society will re-examine the matter later.

Jaguar plan to employ extra 300 workers

By Tim Jones

Jaguar Cars has announced plans to hire an extra 300 workers to boost production of its hugely successful new saloon from 280 models a week to 500.

Demand for the car is so strong that some customers are prepared to pay £4,000 more than the £25,000.

The company is also preparing to launch the new model in the United States and believes success there could mean even more new jobs.

The 11,000 Jaguar employees are the highest paid car workers in Britain, earning about £200 a week.

The management of Land Rover near by will decide in the next two days whether to announce hundreds of lay offs because of an overtime ban by 600 workers in the company's East works, in Solihull.

The Transport and General Workers' Union members want management to withdraw a warning of possible disciplinary action if there is a repeat of April's walkout.

£2.4m design workshop sets up jobs boost

By Charles Knevitt

Sir Ralph Halpern, chairman of the Burton Group, yesterday announced that he was setting up a £2.4 million design workshop at Felling, Gateshead, to bring 300 new jobs to the North-east.

He was speaking to more than 200 businessmen and women at the annual meeting of Business in the Community, at Newcastle-upon-Tyne Civic Centre, chaired by the Prince of Wales, its president.

● In his closing remarks to the meeting, the Prince referred to a report in *The Times* yesterday about the election victory of Mr Rod Hackney as the next president of the Royal Institute of British Architects.

The report likened Mr Hackney to a terrier and the Prince said that he had been told that dogs were the best deterrent to burglary. Terriers were the best type of dog for the job, he said, when one of the delegates excused himself from the meeting because his home had been burgled.

Fowler sees European Aids campaign

By Thomson Prentice
Science Correspondent

The grim realities of the Aids epidemic among Britain's European neighbours yesterday confronted Mr Norman Fowler, the Secretary of State for Social Services, who is on a fact-finding mission to West Germany.

Mr Fowler toured an Aids hospital where many of the Federal Republic's 770 cases have been treated, including some of the 365 men, women and children who have died of the disease so far. Britain has had 600 cases so far of whom almost half have died.

Mr Fowler discussed the inexorable spread of the epidemic with doctors, health officials and staff at an Aids centre which offers advice to homosexuals, drug addicts and prostitutes.

Mr Fowler's trip, will be followed today by a similar visit to Amsterdam, illustrating the urgency of the Government's search for information and ideas.

He received one of the bleakest possible forecasts from Professor Hans Pohle, West Germany's leading Aids specialist. The professor believes that millions of people will die from Aids within the next five to 20 years.

"It's impossible to put all the infectious people in a concentration camp. Talk of compulsory measures is therefore nonsense."

He warned that 70 per cent of Aids patients develop dementia, with loss of memory and other severe mental disturbances. The luckier ones died from an opportunistic infection fairly quickly.

West Germany is in some respects both ahead and behind Britain in its public education campaign. Last January every household received an Aids information leaflet, a measure that will soon be carried out in Britain.

However, the Federal authorities have spent only £2.4 million on their campaign compared with more than £20 million being spent by the British Government.

The Federal government has published Aids warnings in newspapers and on street posters but so far has not taken to television.

When Mr Fowler visits Amsterdam today he will see the city's exchange system of free needles for drug addicts.

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'GP murdered first wife and cut his second wife's throat'

A family doctor drugged and murdered one wife and slit the throat of his next wife three years later, it was alleged at the Central Criminal Court yesterday.

Dr John Baksh, aged 53, killed his first wife, Ruby, to be free to marry his new lover, Madhu, Mr Allan Green, for the prosecution, said.

"He then tried to murder Madhu three years later to solve his financial problems." He stood to gain £215,000 from her death.

After his arrest Dr Baksh is alleged to have told police who questioned him about the knife attack on his second wife: "It was the animal in me that made me do it."

Dr Baksh, a general practioner, of Gloucester House, Bickley Road, Bromley, south-east London, denies murdering Ruby Baksh on New Year's Day 1983 and attempting to murder Madhu Baksh earlier this year.

Mr Green told the court that Dr Baksh had practised as a GP in Eltham and Chislehurst, south-east London, for several years. His first wife, Ruby, was a doctor in the practices. They had two children.

"In 1979 a young Indian woman doctor, Madhu, joined the practice. She was also married with two children, but separated from her husband," Mr Green said.

"The defendant found Madhu most attractive and wanted to have an affair, but she refused."

But she did say that she would be prepared to marry him if he divorced Ruby, Mr Green said.

But at the end of December 1982 Dr Baksh went on holiday to Spain with his wife.

"Early on New Year's Day the defendant drugged Ruby with a tranquillizer. He then killed her by injecting her with morphine.

"He sent for an elderly local doctor and told him Ruby had been suffering from heart trouble. The Spanish doctor certified she had died from a heart attack," Mr Green said.

Ruby was buried in Spain and Dr Baksh returned to England "to continue his courtship of Madhu. In due course they were married".

Mr Green said that by this year Dr Baksh was in serious financial difficulties.

"On the afternoon of Saturday, January 4, he drugged Madhu and then injected her with morphine.

Dr Baksh told police it was the animal in him that made him attack his second wife

"He put her in his car, drove to Keston Ponds in Kent and dragged her into a holly bush. He slit her throat and left her to die," Mr Green said.

Afterwards he allegedly drove Madhu's car into Bromley, then called the police claiming she had been abducted.

"Later that night her body was discovered by a passing naturalist who went for help," Mr Green said.

"She was taken to hospital and almost miraculously she recovered.

"Madhu told police that the defendant admitted he had, in fact, killed Ruby," Mr Green said.

He added: "Police went to Spain and arranged for Ruby's body to be exhumed. A pathologist confirmed her death was due to an overdose of morphine and not from any heart attack."

Dr Baksh told police that Ruby committed suicide by injecting herself with morphine because she was unhappy over his association with Madhu.

Mr Green said that Dr Baksh had inherited some money on his first wife's death. When he married Madhu he took out several insurance policies. If Madhu died, he stood to get £215,000.

Dr Baksh was seen several times about the attack on Madhu, but he stuck to the story that his wife had been abducted by someone, Mr Green said.

He was eventually arrested and allegedly told police: "I plead guilty, I harmed my wife."

Mr Green claimed he insisted on speaking to officers before his solicitor arrived, telling them: "Please help me, I want to tell the truth. It was the animal in me that made me do it."

Describing himself as a good Christian, whose father was a clergyman, Dr Baksh allegedly said he had injected Madhu in her thigh with morphine. Then he had carried her downstairs and put her in the car, taking a kitchen knife with him.

He drove her to the ponds and put the knife to her throat, Mr Green said.

He said that although she was drugged, she had tried to push the knife away. "It was the bad in me, it was the animal in me that wanted to kill her," he allegedly said.

He asked police to give Madhu a note when she was in hospital. It read: "My darling Madhu. I am very sorry for what happened – that I put a knife to your throat. I did not know what I was doing and hope you soon recover. Children are fine. Love, ever, John."

The trial continues today.

Dr John Baksh with his first wife Ruby (top) and his second wife, Madhu.

Scheme to check on solicitors' ability

By Frances Gibb
Legal Affairs Correspondent

Solicitors doing civil litigation should have to be accredited as to their competence and experience before being allowed to do legal aid work or to qualify for other "privileges" under proposals from the London Solicitors' Litigation Association.

The association, which represents 400 solicitors practising in civil litigation from the surburban sole practitioner to the big city firm, says such a scheme is needed to ensure the public is served by "competent practioners".

In the field of litigation a "considerable amount of public money is expended on the legal profession," it says in a submission to the Law Society.

"It cannot be considered unreasonable for the paymasters to demand some evidence of reasonable competence as a condition for provision of these moneys."

The association proposes a national scheme or association of litigation specialists, qualified by practical experience and obliged to undergo compulsory continuing education courses.

The scheme would embrace all areas of civil litigation with solicitors in one of two groups: general civil litigation practioners, as usually found in smaller firms, of which it is estimated there are some 15,000 qualified solicitors. And second, the expert – usually found in larger firms and thought to total 1,000 – who builds up expertise in a specific field, such as insurance and banking.

The general practicioners would have to show that they had spent at least one quarter of every year in the past three years on civil litigation; and the experts that they were engaged full-time.

Elected members would then qualify for certain privileges: only they would be allowed to conduct civil litigation under the legal aid scheme, including personal injury work; and only firms with a partner or admitted solicitor as a member would be able to advertise their expertise.

The proposals, drawn up by Mr Stephen Jakobi, the association president, come in the wake of the report from a government scrutiny team.

Christmas cheer for 2 winners

Two housewives share yesterday's Portfolio Gold prize of £4,000 and are planning special Christmas treats.

Mrs Sandra Potter, aged 24, of Hemel Hempstead, Hertfordshire, has played the Portfolio Gold game since it started in *The Times*.

"I am very happy to have won," she said.

Mrs Potter said she will spend the winnings on Christmas presents for her children.

Mrs Eunice Wymer, aged 55, of Great Cressingham, Thetford, Norfolk, has played the game for the last three months.

"I could not believe my luck. I checked the numbers several times before I was sure that I had won," she said.

When asked how she intended spending the prize money, Mrs Wymer said: "I am going to have a lovely Christmas party."

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Plea against dismissal after marriage

Mrs Olga Longden, a college official, yesterday asked the High Court to stop Bedfordshire County Council dismissing her after marrying her vice-principal.

She claims she was treated "outrageously" when the council decided to dismiss her as chief administration officer at Barnfield College, Luton, in June, at the request of the governors, who said it was "inappropriate" for her to work alongside her husband, Mr Wilson Longden, aged 50.

Mrs Longden, aged 44, of Turnpike Drive, Luton, is seeking injunctions restraining the council from dismissing her because of her marriage and forcing them to complete the grievance procedure, which she claims was never properly heard.

The council claims there were managerial reasons for her dismissal.

The hearing was adjourned until today.

Euro link airport for sale

By Harvey Elliott
Air Correspondent

Britain's nearest airport to the Continent is for sale with a price tag of £2.5 million.

Airlines and tour operators from around the world have been sent a glossy package offering them nearly 600 acres including hangars, passenger terminal, runways and maintenance areas, at Lydd airport in Kent.

The sale comes after the collapse of Hards Travel Service, a firm based in Solihull, Birmingham, which owned the airport and went into liquidation in August.

The company had run the airport for four years as a take-off point for 91,000 passengers a year taking charter trips, mainly to Austria.

Lydd airport was built in the 1950s and is the only post-war purpose built airport in southern England. For many years it was owned and used by Silver City airlines, which made regular flights to Europe.

When Hards went into liquidation it owed £3 million and 5,000 holidaymakers were left stranded.

Now Mr Terry Carter, the liquidator, wants to sell the airport and recoup the losses.

The sale has been backed by local authorities including Shepway District Council, which owns part of the land and Mr Michael Howard, the local MP, who yesterday described the sale as "exciting".

Already more than 300 inquiries have been received from potential buyers.

And the Government's recent decision to give the Civil Aviation Authority powers to ban light aircraft and business jets from busy airports, such as Gatwick and Heathrow, is bound to add to the interest.

The Department of Transport is anxious to develop airports in the southern part of Britain, especially near London, for business use and the development of the Channel tunnel is expected to bring even greater demand for freighting facilities in Kent.

Police woo drivers in soft drink offer

By David Sapsted

Cut-price soft drinks will be offered to drivers in hundreds of English and Welsh public houses this Christmas in an attempt to reduce the incidence of drinking and driving.

Three Welsh police forces - South Wales, Gwent and Dyfed-Powys - announced yesterday that they would be supporting a designated drivers' scheme during the festive season while, in England, Lincolnshire and Norfolk police are planning similar campaigns.

With few forces expected to put extra patrols on the roads to catch drinking drivers this Christmas, the designated driver scheme is seen as one way of encouraging motorists to stay dry.

In all the campaigns publicans are to distribute badges ('I'm in Charge - I'm a TT Driver' in Wales; 'No Thanks, I'm Driving' in Norfolk) to the member of a group appointed to drive home.

The driver will then be entitled to cut-rate soft drinks but will not be served alcohol.

Lincolnshire police, who pioneered a similar scheme in the Gainsborough area last year, have decided to extend it across the county this year.

Mr Arthur Leslie, chairman of the South Wales Brewers' Association, said the Welsh campaign was aimed at getting people to accept a socially responsible attitude towards drinking.

Rape girl's mother 'a victim'

By Michael Horsnell

The woman who is prosecuting a doctor for the alleged rape of her daughter aged nine told Chelmsford Crown Court yesterday that she had, herself, been raped at the age of 14.

But she said that in spite of the experience she was not immediately alerted to the possibility her daughter had been a victim.

The woman also told the jury of four women and six men that her boy friend had warned her before the alleged incident that the doctor was perverted.

He had told her that the doctor had encouraged her daughter to perform cartwheels and handstands in his garden in order to see her knickers, and filmed her.

Mr Anthony Arlidge, QC, for the defence, suggested to the woman that she had more reason than most for being concerned when she suspected that her daughter's nightdress was stained with blood and semen..

The woman said: "Yes, I was raped in Australia. I was nowhere near as young as my daughter. The circumstances were totally different.

"Later on in the evening after my daughter had returned home, my boy friend said it was phlegm on her nightie and I was satisfied. I am not lying to you."

The woman was giving evidence on the second day of the trial in which the doctor, aged 50, has denied raping the girl, then aged eight, when she was staying at his home last year.

The prosecution was brought after the Director of Public Prosecutions decided not to initiate proceedings, and is being paid for by *The Sun* newspaper.

The woman denied a suggestion that she had exaggerated her description of her daughter's internal injuries when she gave an interview to *The Sun* earlier this year.

Dr Jeremy Wright, a consultant gynaecologist, said it was extremely unlikely that the little girl had injured herself.

The mother's boy friend, a self-employed painter and decorator, said that he had taken an instant dislike to the accused doctor from the moment he saw him two years before.

He told the court: "I said I thought he was a pervert the first time I saw him."

The doctor had taken a film of the girl performing hand stands in his garden and ignored the pleas of his own son, aged four, to watch him playing football.

Det Sgt Raymond Newman, who arrested the doctor, said that he agreed he had photographed the girl and his own son bathing together, but denied that he had ever touched her.

The doctor had denied the allegations of rape and sexual assault on three occasions.

The case continues today.

Doctor accused of aiding drug trade

A Harley Street doctor was accused yesterday of boosting the drugs black market by prescribing hundreds of addicts with the heroin substitute methadone.

Dr Ann Dally, a psychiatrist, was brought before the General Medical Council's disciplinary committee over her private treatment of addicts from all over Britain.

Dr Dally, aged 60, who runs a practice in Devonshire Place, central London, is accused of serious professional misconduct by prescribing drugs for fees and in one case not checking the background of her patient.

Mr Timothy Preston, QC, counsel for the GMC, said: "She prescribed privately in return for fees to some people who cannot be expected to have the means to meet the chemists' fees without recourse to crime - that is, supplying others".

Dr Dally charges a consultation fee of £30. The addict then has to pay up to £25 to the chemist before being provided with the drugs.

Adding that the present hearing was not a political debate about the best way to combat and treat drug addiction, Mr Preston said: "Dr Dally treats and has treated so great a number of addicts that it has blunted her capacity to treat them all conscientiously and properly".

He told the committee that some addicts travelled hundred of miles to see Dr Dally although they had good national health facilities in their own towns.

Dr Dally prescribed doses of 100 milligrams of methadone - higher than the 80 milligrams recommended in the Department of Health's guidelines of good clinical practice.

She is alleged to have abused her position by issuing methadone and other drugs for fees in an irresponsible manner, in particular to one patient whom, it is claimed, she did not examine carefully enough before prescribing the drug. It is also alleged that she did not question the patient thoroughly as she repeated the weekly prescription.

Dr Dally was first interviewed by Home Office drugs officers in spring 1983 about her methods, the hearing was told.

They were said to have trapped one of her patients by marking 43 capsules of methadone which he got on prescription and found he had only nine left that day. He was later arrested and charged with supplying drugs.

Mr Preston said: "Clearly he had been involved in unlawful supply".

Dr Dally was said to have told Mr Donald McIntosh, a Home Office inspector: "If an addict is involved like that I discharge them. I find it extremely worrying that the pharmacist did not inform me".

Dr Dally told the Home Office: "I refuse more addicts than I pick. I am in a transitional state of retirement. Running a house of this size I cannot reduce my income. I need income of £75,000 to keep staff. Addicts make about 50 per cent of my total list".

Dr Dally was brought before the Home Office again in March 1985, the hearing was told.

Dr Dally justified her methods by telling the Home Office: "A lot of addicts say they can't give up, but once they get their life in order they can". Her aim was to sort out the addict's lifestyle while stabilizing him on a steady dose.

Her solicitor told the Home Office that Dr Dally always did her utmost to satisfy herself that the patient could afford the £30 consultation fees, Mr Preston said.

The hearing continues today.

Judges wait

Judgement was reserved in the Court of Appeal yesterday on an appeal by Margaret Livesey who is serving a life sentence for the murder of her son Alan, aged 14. The judges said they would consider new evidence highlighted in the BBC *Rough Justice* programme.

Simple language

Plain guide to obfuscation

In plain English, the users of nonsense speak were defeated yesterday. And had awards to prove it.

Lawyers were singled out for particular punishment for their economies of punctuation and interminable sentences. Consider this from the National Westminster Bank: "The Bank may without any consent from the Indemnifier and without affecting the Indemnifier's liability hereunder renew vary or determine any accommodation given to the Debtor or any other person including any signatory of this Guarantee and Indemnity in respect of the liabilities hereby secured and grant time or indulgence to or compound with the Debtor or any such person and this Guarantee and Indemnity shall not be discharged nor shall the Indemnifier's liability under it be affected by anything which would not have discharged or affected the Indemnifier's liability if the Indemnifier had been a principal debtor to the Bank."

The Golden Bull Awards, run jointly by the Plain English Campaign and the National Consumer Council, were yesterday presented by Esther Rantzen, of the television programme, *That's Life*.

Exeter Health Authority, which did not attend, won an award for the following: "As the new services for the Elderly Confused begin to take shape, it is closely felt by those involved in it's (sic) development that a unique opportunity exists.

"It is in this spirit that focus has been attentioned towards the conduct and nature of a needs assessment in providing the navigational guidance to a new service if it is to begin to truly reflect the locality needs of the elderly."

The Department of Education and Science, Kent County Council, the Halifax Building Society, the Motor Insurers' Bureau and Extel Statistical Services Ltd also received Golden Bull Awards.

Plain English Awards, for clearly written, well laid out documents, went to the Midland Bank, the London and Edinburgh Insurance Company, The Chest, Heart and Stroke Association, the Health Education Council, Westminster City Council, the DHSS and the Department of Employment

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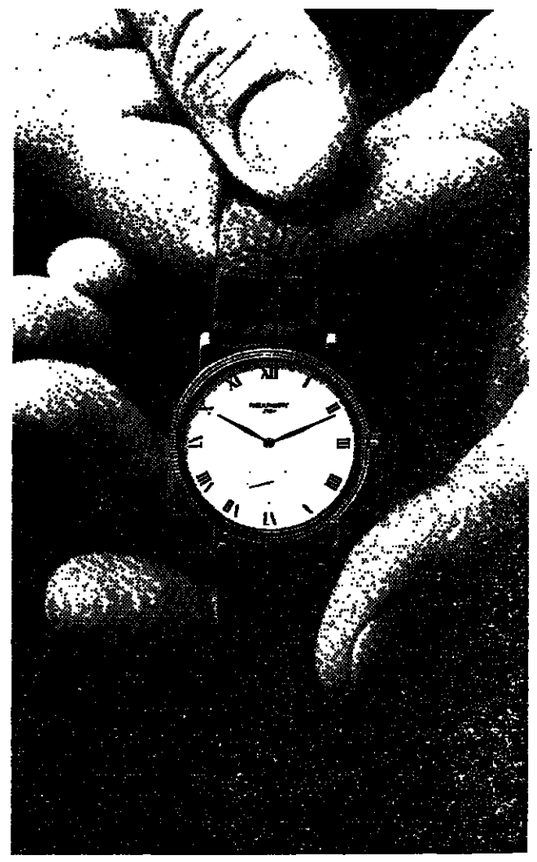

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PARLIAMENT

MPs pile on the pressure in Nimrod's support

Ministers came under pressure from all sides during Commons question time to buy the British Nimrod airborne early warning system for the RAF and not the rival Boeing Awacs.

It was made clear that a Cabinet decision still had to be made but that an announcement was likely before Christmas. A suggestion that Mrs Margaret Thatcher had already come down in favour of the Boeing system was rejected.

Mr David Steel, Leader of the Liberal Party, said during Prime Minister's question time that failure to proceed with the Nimrod early warning system would be seen as an act of industrial surrender and would undermine Britain's efforts to remain at the forefront of high technology.

He asked for an assurance that the decision whether to order Nimrod or the American Awacs for the RAF would be made by the Cabinet as a whole.

Mr John Biffen, Lord Privy Seal and Leader of the House, answering for the Prime Minister who was in Strasbourg, said that Mr Steel would not expect him to answer his first point.

"I realize that the Liberal Party is at some distance from Cabinet government but a decision of this magnitude would necessitate the proper consideration that he mentions."

Dr Keith Hampson (Leeds North West, C) asked Mr Biffen to convey to the Prime Minister that there would be deep concern on all sides of the House if a decision not to buy Nimrod were made.

Already £800 million had been spent and Nimrod had been designed for a wider job than Awacs, which would cost £1 billion more and lose Britain core technology for ever.

Mr Biffen said that he would pass on those comments to the Prime Minister.

Mr Douglas Hoyle (Warrington North, Lab): "On Nimrod, did the Leader of the House not see in *The Observer* last Sunday that it was reported that the Prime Minister is firmly in the Boeing camp, and as a decision is soon to be made on a system and many jobs are at risk, and the future of many parts of the high-technology industry, will Mr Biffen ask the Prime Minister when she returns to make a statement making it clear whether she is batting for Britain or batting for Boeing?"

Mr Biffen: "That is an allegation of partiality which I reject". This was a major decision with industrial and defence consequences for Britain and it would be taken in the appropriate and detached fashion necessary.

DEFENCE

Earlier, **Mr Archibald Hamilton**, Under-Secretary of State for Defence Procurement, also refused to comment on the merits of the competing systems.

Mr Martin Flannery (Sheffield, Hillsborough, Lab): We want the best we can get for the RAF, but will he take account of the fact that many British jobs are in jeopardy here, and that our defence system throughout the world will be watched closely as a result of this, and there are exports in British electronics.

Mr Hamilton: I have very much taken on board what he is saying, but we are in the final stages of competition and I prefer not to comment on the relative merits of the two tenders.

Mr Hugh Dykes (Harrow East, C): Nimrod is overwhelmingly right for British jobs, on cost grounds and for British exports, and is better for procurement. I hope he appreciates the gravity of the decision he has to make.

Mr Hamilton: Mr Dykes is trying to draw me. The Secretary of State hopes to make an announcement before the House rises.

Mr James Wallace (Orkney and Shetland, L): Boeing have offered 130 per cent offset. What is the quality of those jobs?

Mr Hamilton: We are looking closely at the quality of the offset offered by Boeing.

Mr Michael Colvin (Romsey and Waterside, C): Can he reassure us that the 130 per cent is not just opportunities to tender, but real contracts and work which would be high technology and not just tin-bashing?

Mr Hamilton: We are looking at the quality of what is offered by Boeing. That is part of our consideration.

Mr Douglas Hoyle (Warrington North, Lab): Will he take account of press reports that the Government has already made up its mind to buy Boeing?

A Conservative MP: Do not believe everything you read in the *Morning Star*.

Mr Hoyle: Boeing is old-fashioned, but Nimrod offers not only British jobs but something for the future with export potential.

Mr Hamilton: Mr Hoyle should not believe everything he reads in newspapers. No final decision has been made.

Mr Thomas Sackville (Bolton West, C): If there are no problems with Nimrod it would be madness to give away British industry's lead in this technology and crazy to give yet another monopoly to Boeing.

Mr Hamilton: We have to take account of the RAF and of value for money. No final decision has been made.

Mr Lewis Carter-Jones (Eccles, Lab) suggested that in Nimrod the "clutter" problem had been overcome and that targets could now be clearly identified. "Will Mr Younger make a statement about the success of the mission he went on in Nimrod?"

Mr Hamilton: The Secretary of State will refer to those matters when he makes the announcement.

Mr Nicholas Winterton (Macclesfield, C): Many Conservative MPs are very much in support of Nimrod and GEC Avionics.

Before making a final decision, will he ensure that the Secretary of State is aware of the high technology of the latest mark Nimrod.

Mr Hamilton: The Secretary of State will take that into account

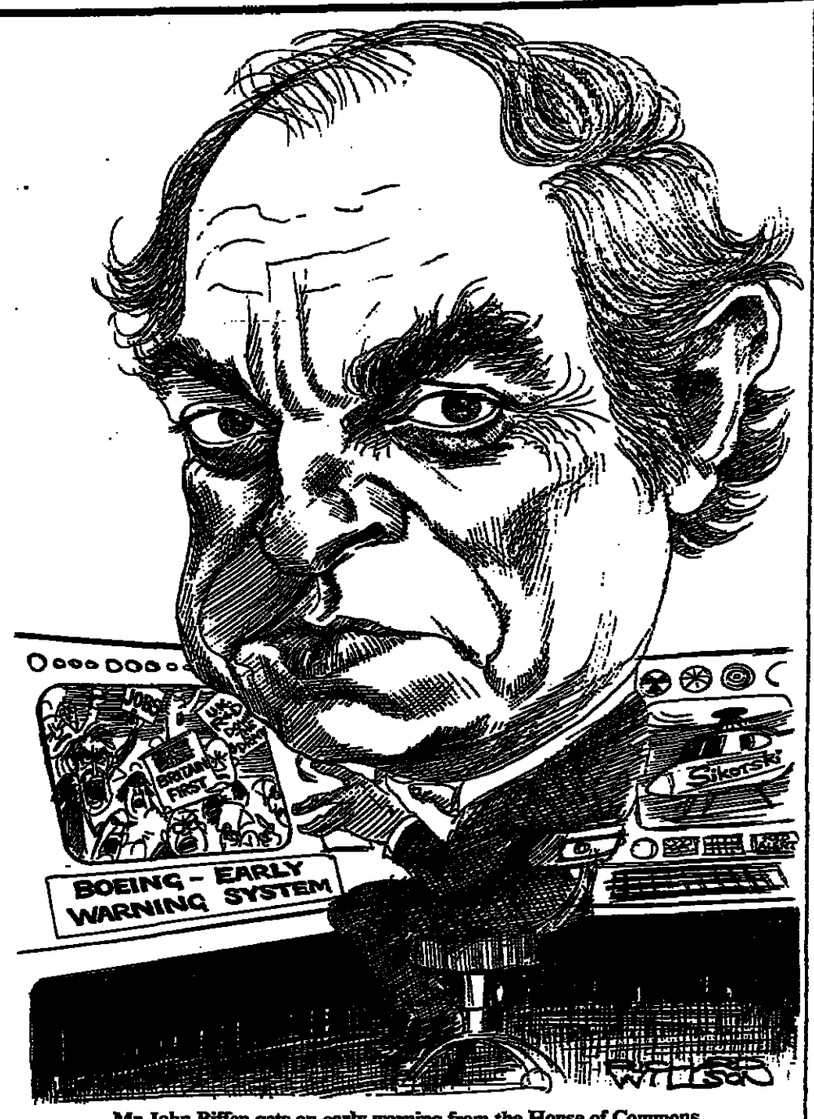
Mr Denzil Davies, Opposition spokesman on defence: While appreciating that he dare not comment on the merits of the two systems, the Secretary of State has commented. He said on December 5 that both systems, Nimrod and Awacs, now work, so there is no case for buying American, but a valid case for buying British.

Mr Hamilton: No. There are still many different assessments to make on the different systems. No final decision has been made.

● **Mr Neil Kinnock**, Leader of the Opposition, whose return to the Commons after his visit to the United States was greeted with ironical cheers from the Conservative benches, questioned Mr Biffen about Iranian arms deals.

He asked whether, in the light of the European Community agreement on anti-terrorist policies and common necessity, the Government was taking measures to ensure against London's being used as a location for making arms deals similar to those between the United States Administration and Iran.

Mr Biffen: I have no reason to believe that there is a situation which validates his anxiety.



Mr John Biffen gets an early warning from the House of Commons.

Tory onslaught on Kinnock defence policy

Mr Neil Kinnock and Labour's defence policy came under fire from Conservative MPs on his return from the United States.

Mr David Amess (Basildon, C), during Prime Minister's questions, asked Mr John Biffen, Lord Privy Seal and Leader of the House, to ask the Prime Minister when she returned from Strasbourg to restate the Government's policy of multilateral rather than unilateral disarmament.

To protests from the Labour benches, he said: "Will Mr Biffen ask her quickly to repair the damage done following statements made in the United States giving the impression that we will abandon our allies and renege on our Nato commitments?"

Mr Biffen said that he would convey that point to Mrs Thatcher.

"It must be a matter for the judgement of the House to assess just how influential was Mr Kinnock's visit. These are matters which are a fair point in the political debate which commences now and will continue until the time of the general election.

"We hope that the Labour Party set out their non-nuclear defence policy in this country as they have sought to do in the United States because we believe the popular judgement will lie with us."

Mr Robert Adley (Christchurch, C): Contrary to the view being propagated in some quarters, would Mr Biffen confirm that indeed the Government is more than happy for the House and the country to spend as much time as it likes discussing defence and the nation's security?

Mr Biffen said that there could be no question of there being as much time as the House liked on these matters because of other commitments, but he agreed that defence would be a central feature at the forthcoming election.

"We know perfectly well what a non-nuclear policy in the hands of Labour implies. We know the extent to which it is a retreat from the socialism of Aneurin Bevan and that the dependable alternative that we offer would be decisive in the outcome of that election."

Mr William Cash (Stafford, C) said that this Government had a policy of ensuring that this country was properly defended, unlike the policies the Leader of the Opposition had been perpetrating in the United States.

Mr Biffen said that the Government had such a policy, which commended itself to treaty allies.

Rifkind announces big spending rise

Big increases in public expenditure in Scotland had been achieved while the proportion of national income devoted to public spending was a tribute to the Government's success in the control of the economy, **Mr Malcolm Rifkind**, Secretary of State for Scotland, said when he presented to the Commons Scotland's expenditure budget for the next three years.

Mr Donald Dewar, Opposition spokesman on Scotland, said that Mr Rifkind's pride in his statement was unjustified and Scotland had done badly compared with other territorial departments.

Mr Rifkind said that total expenditure on programmes within his responsibility would be £7,957 million in 1987-88, £390 million or 5.1 per cent higher than provision for this year, and £540 million higher than the plans for 1987-88 published in the public expenditure White Paper last January.

He had given high priority to the health service to enable it to meet growing demand over the next three years. Spending on the health programme would be increased by £130 million, or 2.5 per cent more than forecast inflation, to £2,216 million in 1987-88.

For hospital and community health services next year, there would be £1,540 million, about £87 million or 6 per cent more than for this year. A small amount of the extra would be held in hand for specific service developments.

Capital investment in the health service would be about £370 million over the next three years and would maintain the programme of major hospital projects, continue the upgrading of the NHS estate, and allow for spending on new technology and computer hardware. Provision for local authority capital spending on social work had also been increased.

His plans provided £625 million to meet fully the needs of law and order services in 1987-88. That included sufficient for a modest increase of present police establishment and for increased costs of the prison service, including recruiting another 126 officers next year. Capital expenditure would be nearly £150 million, providing a new prison at Peterhead and new or improved court houses.

There would be a total increase of £214 million, 12 per cent over the current year, for education. That included the extra they had said would be available for an acceptable deal on pay and conditions of service for schoolteachers; the £50 million unallocated education margin already announced and £6 million for additional non-teaching costs associated with standard grade and action plan.

Capital expenditure on local authority education projects was planned to rise by £5 million im 1987-88, to cover priority building work and equipment for science and technology projects.

An additional £6.1 million was being provided for the central institutions and colleges of education in higher education.

Central government expenditure on the arts was being increased by £1.1 million, or 5.5 per cent. He had authorized a start on planning the second phase of the new building for the National Library at Causewayside (Conservative cheers).

There would be an increase of £25 million, or 10.8 per cent, in provision for industry in 1987-88, compared with plans published last year, an increase which would go almost entirely to direct grants to industry to meet a continued upsurge in demand bringing valuable jobs That followed a recent increase of £40 million in the amount available this year for such grants, mainly to provide for higher than expected investment during the transitional period for payment of old regional development grant.

He had made available an additional £750,000 in each of 1987-88 and 1988-89 for agricultural advisory services.

Total net provision for housing in 1987-88 would be £696 million, an increase of £51 million over provision for the current year, and £23 million higher than previously planned provision for that year.

He intended to concentrate housing resources on investment to meet the needs identified in local authorities' own stock and to accelerate payment of private sector improvement grant claims already approved. He had therefore increased net capital provision by £90 million, or 20 per cent, to £548 million for 1987-88 compared with the current year.

When investment financed by net capital receipts was taken into account, the housing programme would allow for gross capital investment next year of £720 million, an increase of £82 million over the planned level of £638 million in 1986-87. He had made significant extra provision available for the Housing Corporation, the Scottish Special Housing Association, and the new towns.

He was pleased to be able to recognize in a tangible way the importance of preserving the heritage by increasing the resources available for historic building grants by 80 per cent next year.

Study ordered on future of Navy's assault ships

ROYAL NAVY

The Government has decided to retain an amphibious force in the longer term and as a first step is having a feasibility study made of the future of the assault ships used by the Royal Marines. The shipbuilding industry is being asked to study designs for replacements.

Announcing that to the Commons, Mr George Younger, Secretary of State for Defence, said: At present the Royal Navy's amphibious lift is centred on the assault ships HMS Fearless and HMS Intrepid. As a first procurement step, we have today placed a contract with Swan Hunter for a feasibility study into extending the life of these ships.

At the same time we are inviting industry to participate in feasibility studies for a new design option for their replacement by building new ships.

In parallel with this work, we shall also address the means of providing helicopter lift, including the concept of an aviation support ship.

I know this decision will be very well received both in the House and by our Nato partners, which attach considerable importance to the contribution of our amphibious capability. The steps I am announcing today will secure its future.

Mr Cyril Townsend (Bexleyheath, C): The House will be grateful to him, as will those who have responsibility for the Northern flank, but I hope the study he mentioned will take place as quickly as possible.

Will he confirm that the landing at San Carlos in 1982 would never have taken place if Britain had not had these sort of landing ships? Does he agree that if Britain is to have a strong conventional capability it must certainly include a proper assault ship capability?

Mr Younger: I entirely agree. I share his appreciation of the great importance of an amphibious capability for our defence posture and our Nato contribution. This announcement will be a major reassurance that we intend to continue that capability.

Dr David Owen, Leader of the SDP: While warmly welcoming this decision, may I ask how he thinks it is possible to extend the life of Fearless and Intrepid? Regarding the new ship designs, is this a much cheaper ship and is he going to have amphibious lift capacity with a flat top or exactly what designs are envisaged?

Mr Younger: Regarding the life of Intrepid and Fearless, this study will be looking into the feasibility of extending their life, should that be the preferred option of the Government. Clearly, the calculation of cost and feasibility will be relevant in making that decision.

Regarding the possibility of new vessels, this study will be looking into the most effective way of making a new vessel to fulfil this role.

Sir Anthony Buck (Colchester North, C): Many MPs on both sides of the House are devoted to the concept of maintaining a substantial amphibious capability. Will he reassure us that the life of the old ships will be able to be retained until we have new ones ready to take their place?

Mr Younger: Yes, I can give that assurance. The expected life of Intrepid and Fearless stretches into the mid 1990s and that should give us ample time to work out the best method of replacing them.

Mr Edward Garrett (Wallsend, Lab): This decision will be welcomed nowhere more than on Tyneside. But when the feasibility study is completed, will Swan Hunter be paid? In the past there has been grave doubt as to whether they got full value for the time, money and effort spent on such studies.

When the study is complete I would like to see two new vessels being built and he should consider bringing those orders to Tyneside.

Mr Younger: That cannot be determined until I have the results of the study. I am pleased that Swan Hunter competed for this feasibility study contract and they have now got it. I can certainly assure him that they will be paid for their work in accordance with the contract terms.

Sir Patrick Wall (Beverley, C): How long will this study take? The ships are ageing very rapidly.

Mr Younger: I appreciate his concern. The MoD is taking the appropriate steps to decide how best this capability can be continued in plenty of time to make sure whatever replacement is decided upon will be ready when Intrepid and Fearless reach the end of their useful lives.

Mr Patrick Duffy (Sheffield, Attercliffe, Lab): When does he expect to be in a position to place an order?

Mr Younger: We will make a decision on placing an order when I have the results of the feasibility study, which I hope will be available towards the end of next year. We will make a decision in very good time for the new ships or the extended-life ships to be available and ready when Intrepid and Fearless run out of time.

Miss Janet Fookes (Plymouth, Drake, C): While I very much welcome this statement, though it is long overdue, may I press him more closely on the timescale? When we have stripped out all the nice language, just when can we expect the new ships?

Mr Younger: It is our intention that the new or refurbished ships will be ready by the mid 1990s when the present ships reach the end of their useful lives. I think that is sensible planning.

Mr Nicholas Brown (Newcastle upon Tyne East, Lab): I welcome the placement of the feasibility study at Swan Hunter, but they were treated pretty shabbily after doing a similar study on the AOR [auxiliary oil-replenishment vessel]. What guarantees does Tyneside have that history will not repeat itself and that expediency will not cut across rational decision-making?

Mr Younger: I take exception to his suggestion that Swan Hunter have not been treated well over the AOR. Although they were not successful in the competition for the AOR Type 1, they were offered an inside track for the AOR Type 2.

Promotion for blacks 'by merit'

Soldiers of ethnic origin would want to gain promotion on merit and not because there was discrimination in their favour, it was said during question time in the Commons.

The issue was raised by **Mr Alfred Dubs** (Battersea, Lab), who asked for a statement on progress of ethnic monitoring in the Army.

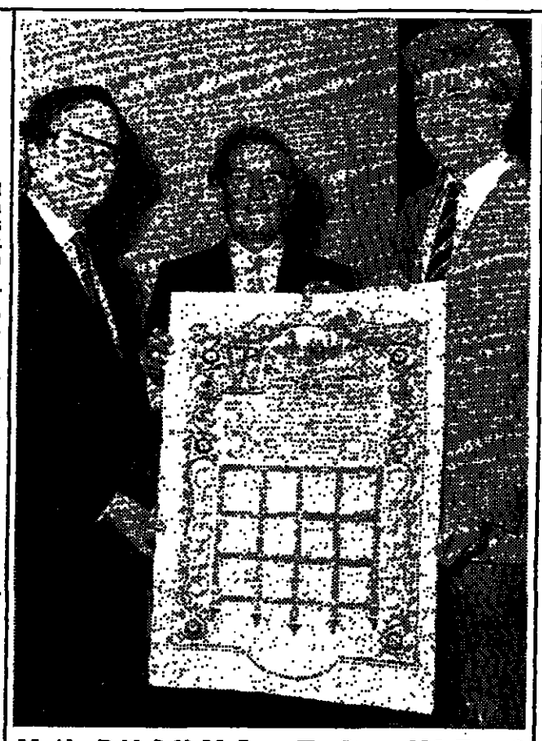
Mr Roger Freeman, Under-Secretary of State for the Armed Forces, said that arrangements were well in hand for the Army, in common with other Services, to introduce ethnic monitoring.

Mr Dubs asked how the minister answered criticism that that would not cover possible discrimination against black soldiers over promotion.

How would monitoring deal with instances where soldiers wanted to join the Brigade of Guards but were diverted by recruiting officers to other regiments?

Mr Freeman said that promotion in the Armed Services, now as in the past, was on merit, aptitude and motivation. Monitoring among those already in the Services was considered unnecessary.

There were no examples known to the Ministry of Defence of racial discrimination. Also, it would be inappropriate because it would be divisive.



Mr Alan Beith (left), Mr James Hamilton and Mr Kenneth Hargreaves holding the illuminated address that they are to present to the Pope in Rome on behalf of an interdenominational and cross-party group of 100 backbenchers. The address thanks him for the lead he has taken in defending the family and the right to life.

Select committees dispute

Constitutional clash looms

By Martin Fletcher, Political Reporter

A serious constitutional clash between Downing Street and Parliament was heralded yesterday in a report which flatly rejected the arguments behind Government's proposed instructions to civil servants not to answer select committee questions about their conduct.

The Treasury and Civil Service committee made clear that if the Government did not think again civil servants who obeyed the instructions could be reported to the House of Commons for contempt.

The proposed instructions were tagged on to the end of the Government's response to the defence committee's investigation into the Westland affair, during which MPs grilled Sir Robert Armstrong, the Secretary of the Cabinet, but were denied access to other senior civil servants at the heart of the affair, including Mr Bernard Ingham, the Prime Minister's press secretary.

The forcefully argued report will provide further ammunition for select committee chairmen, who are determined to resist any attempt by the Government to curb committees' powers and who are now negotiating with the Government.

Mr John Biffen, Leader of the House, has given an undertaking that the instructions will not be issued formally until both the Liaison and the Treasury and Civil Service committees had considered the matter.

The report rejects the Government's assertion that select committees derive their powers through the accountability of ministers to Parliament, stating that they "exercise their formal powers to inquire into policy and actions of departments because Parliament is sovereign and has established the select committees to monitor government departments on its behalf, giving them the traditional powers to send for persons and papers".

It goes on to outline how witnesses who refuse to appear before committees or answer their questions can be reported to the House and held guilty of contempt and continues, in a key sentence: "The proposal by the Government...to inhibit civil servants in the scope of the evidence they give to select committees, though it might make the use of this procedure more frequent, cannot alter the underlying position."

The report asks the Government to confirm that it is not seeking to prevent civil servants answering questions on actions undertaken with ministerial approval and in accordance with government policy.

It assumes that the government instructions apply to the conduct, or "misconduct", of civil servants undertaken without ministerial knowledge, and reasserts select committees' rights to question civil servants on "the very rare occasions" where investigation of such conduct is thought necessary.

Government arguments to the contrary are dismissed as unconvincing and the report concludes: "Any instruction which, however rarely, operated so as to make this more difficult is certainly undesirable".

Launching the report yesterday, Mr Austin Mitchell, a Labour member of the committee, described the Government's arguments as "downright wrong".

Articles on brain death deplored

Sunday newspaper articles seeming to cast doubt on the concept of brain death were deplored by Mrs Edwina Currie, Under-Secretary of State for Health and Social Security, when she replied to a Commons debate on Monday night.

She said that there was no evidence that anyone anywhere in the world had ever survived after brain stem death according to the criteria for establishing it.

She complained of the "emotional and unfounded" remarks of people attacking the transplant programme. They had been repeatedly challenged to produce evidence and had repeatedly failed to do so.

"I am satisfied that what we are doing is not evil and not reprehensible", she said. "Far from it. This is good work that saves lives and is worth pursuing."

Mr Michael McNair-Wilson (Newbury, C) had referred to reports in a Sunday newspaper and some national newspapers that organs were being taken from brain-dead people when those people could not be described as dead.

He said he did not see how the allegation that their lives were being shortened by the removal of their organs could be sustained against the criteria for brain death agreed.

Schools problems have to be resolved, says Baker

The following is a summary of the Commons debate on the second reading of the Teachers' Pay and Conditions Bill that appeared in later editions of this newspaper yesterday.

There must be a resolution of the problems of the schools on terms promising an early return to the past standards of commitment and professionalism among all teachers, **Mr Kenneth Baker**, Secretary of State for Education and Science, said when he moved the second reading.

Mr Giles Radice, Opposition spokesman on education and science, said that, although the Opposition favoured reform of Burnham machinery, they strongly opposed legislation which removed bargaining rights.

This so-called Teachers' Pay and Conditions Bill gave the Secretary of State new and sweeping powers to impose a settlement.

Equally disturbing, it removed the ability of local authorities and teachers' organizations to negotiate about teachers' pay and conditions.

The background against which this potentially damaging Bill was being introduced was more promising than it had been for a number of years.

The encouraging features were, first, that far greater attention was now being devoted to education by the public, partly because of the teachers' dispute. Second, the Government had at last switched policy over teachers' pay. After two years of claiming that the nation simply could not significantly improve teachers' pay, the resources had been found after all.

Third, local employers and unions representing the majority of teachers had agreed on a far-reaching package covering pay and conditions and even Mr Baker had had to admit that the talks made useful progress.

The Opposition's fear was that the introduction of this Bill would scupper the prospect of a negotiated solution to the dispute and make long-term peace in the schools harder to achieve.

The Secretary of State provided 46 per cent of teachers' pay and so he should have a proper position at the negotiating table. But that was not a reason for taking away negotiating rights altogether.

The Bill was dangerously authoritarian. It infringed basic rights. It gave unacceptable powers to the Secretary of State. It would also make a long-term solution to the teachers' dispute far harder to attain. This was a thoroughly bad Bill and Labour would oppose it every inch of the way.

Mr Clement Freud (North East Cambridgeshire, L) moved an amendment condemning the Bill for making no positive contribution to settling the dispute and for representing a drastic centralization of power in the Secretary of State.

He said the Bill was flawed in motive and in execution. It threatened to create for teachers a uniquely discriminatory system of settling questions of pay and conditions.

It created a structure where the pay of a large and important section of society was determined without reference to their employers or to their union representatives.

The Bill would make teachers a second-class group, punishing them because they had exposed the Government's shabby treatment of education.

Mrs Angela Rumbold, Minister of State for Education and Science, said the Government must begin to put in place new machinery which would allow the teachers' dispute finally to be brought to a close.

There was no point in perpetuating the negotiating process which had produced never-ending talks. Even now these fell short of delivering sensible final agreement.

The amendment was rejected by 251 votes to 193 — Government majority, 58, and the Bill read a second time by 250 votes to 195 — Government majority, 55.

Inquiry on MI5 'plot' called for

The controversy over MI5 continued in the Commons when **Mr David Winnick** (Walsall North, Lab) said that if it was true that some MI5 officials had mounted a political operation against Mr Harold Wilson when he was Prime Minister in 1974, a full parliamentary inquiry was needed.

"If there remains in MI5 some criminal and subversive elements responsible for what occurred in 1974, they should no longer be in the service."

Mr John Biffen, Lord Privy Seal and Leader of the House, answering questions for Mrs Thatcher, said these points concerned matters being argued.

Mr Nicholas Baker (North Dorset, C) referred to the Government's action in Australia to suppress publication of the book about MI5 and said there was a world of difference between a decision whether or not to take proceedings against an independent journalist such as Chapman Pincher as opposed to former MI5 employees.

Parliament today

Commons (2.30): Teachers' Pay and Conditions Bill, remaining stages.

Lords (2.30): Debates on the housing situation and on Government measures to combat Aids.

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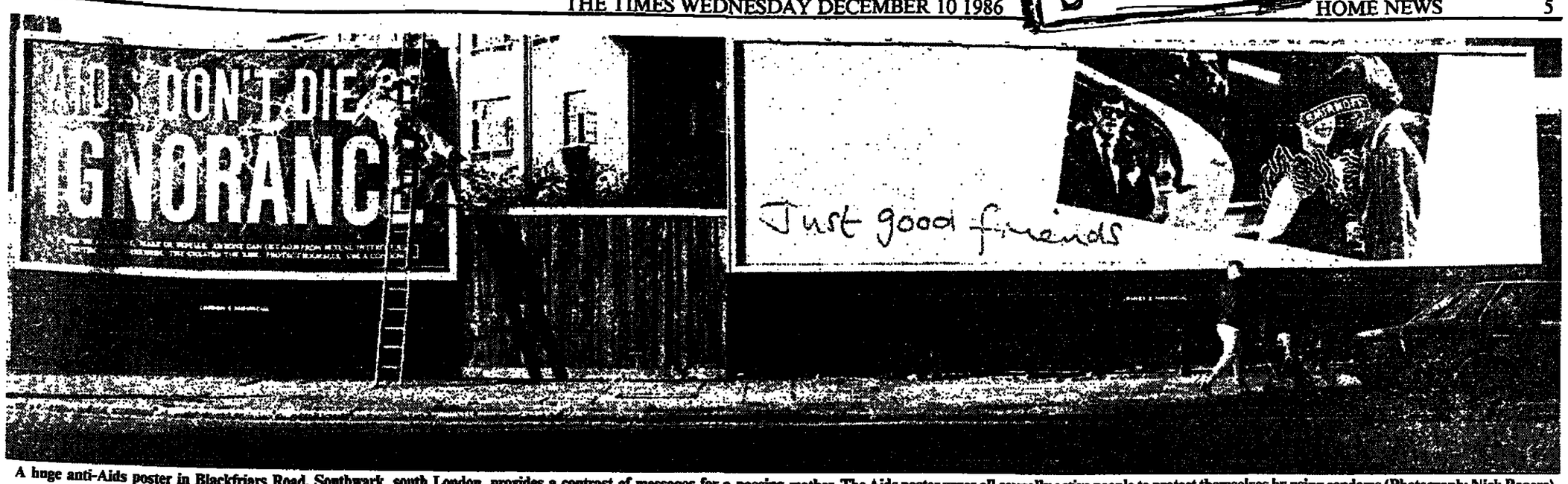

A huge anti-Aids poster in Blackfriars Road, Southwark, south London, provides a contrast of messages for a passing mother. The Aids poster urges all sexually active people to protect themselves by using condoms (Photograph: Nick Rogers)

Clashes of images in Aids drive

By Ronald Faux

Advertisers paying premium rates for prime poster sites may find themselves in the shade as the Government's anti-Aids campaign takes off.

Clashes of message are likely as the blunt posters being put up by the Department of Health compete for attention with more sophisticated advertising campaigns.

"Unfortunate," was how a director of Young and Rubicam, the agency that produced Sid, described the juxtapositioning of posters in Blackfriars Road, Southwark, south London.

He said that agencies normally try to ensure, in their carefully thought out campaigns, that posters do not clash with their neighbours.

"We simply have to accept that there will be some difficult placings with the Aids campaign. It is so essential to get the message across about the dangers of the disease that normal advertising campaigns simply have to take second place."

Other advertising designers agreed that the Aids advertisements would have to be accepted as a public necessity however much they disturbed the image other posters were trying to create. One optimist commented: "It might not be entirely bad for us or damaging. After all, the contrast between these two adverts is so stark and odd it might help both campaigns. It is certainly hard to ignore."

Slimming aid products are criticized

A grapefruit pill and a gel which both claim to help slimmers are today criticized in the Advertising Standards Authority's monthly report.

The authority expresses surprise that "after more than 100 years of compulsory education" it is still possible for buyers to be so gullible.

The report says that at a time when half the adult population seems to have just completed a diet or is about to embark on one, the market is "as populated as ever with peddlers of the still numerous pseudo-scientific products and services" of the type once sold by Victorian quacks.

Thirteen slimming products were brought to the authority's attention by disgruntled consumers and 12 complaints were upheld.

Only one company was able to justify its claims and that was as a result of the number of testimonials received rather than evidence of the efficacy of the product.

NSPCC report

Child sex abuse cases more than doubled

The number of children sexually abused increased by more than 125 per cent during the past year, a report released yesterday states.

The report, compiled by the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, also highlights a rise in other forms of cruelty, including a 68 per cent increase in children who were seriously or fatally injured.

The society further disclosed that an estimated four children died every week of abuse and neglect. And, according to the society's statistics, about 9,114 children were physically hurt by their parents last year.

Reports of physically injured children had increased by 28 per cent, while those who suffered general emotional abuse and neglect, not involving physical injury, shot up by 71 per cent.

Overall, the numbers of children placed on local child authority registers kept by the society in England and Wales showed a 42 per cent rise.

Dr Alan Gilmour, director of the society, said he was concerned about the rise in reports of children who sustained serious or fatal injuries as a result of abuse at the hands of their parents.

"This aspect is particularly sad and worrying. However, there is now considerable public and professional awareness to the possibility of children being abused in an extreme way.

"There has been an upsurge in reporting of child abuse everywhere in recent months, especially by the public. This has obviously been a significant factor in these figures," he said.

Less than half of the 1,586 children on the society's child abuse register were living with both natural parents at the time of the abuse.

Only 23 per cent of the neglected children, 32 per cent of the emotionally abused and 39 per cent of the physically injured were living with their natural parents.

"Marital problems" were most often recorded as the stress factor which may have precipitated sexual and emotional abuse. Statistics showed a dramatic 125 per cent increase in reports of sexual abuse.

"Inability to deal with normal child behaviour" was recorded most frequently as the cause of physical injuries to children, while "inability to respond to the maturational needs of the child", was thought to be the main cause of neglect of children.

External stress factors such as unemployment, debts and poor housing were recorded quite frequently by workers, but were not judged as important as parent-child relationship problems.

Dr Gilmour praised the vigilance of parents, the public and professionals who had come forward to report cruelty to children.

He said: "More children are being protected. But we cannot escape the reality – so many children continue to suffer. Neglect can scar for life and it can kill."

● The society is talking to the Government about setting up a national register of child abuse cases, and Dr Gilmour said more accurate statistics were essential.

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Blyth Valley troubles

Pair who are worlds apart

By David Sapsted and Howard Foster

Mr Ronnie Campbell, an unemployed miner, retains a deep pride in the fact that his grandfather took part in the hunger marches of the 1930s and Mr John Ryman, a barrister, remains equally proud of his Oxford degree and love of horses.

Both are members of the same constituency Labour party – Mr Ryman is the MP for the marginal seat of Blyth Valley and Mr Campbell his heir apparent – but other similarities are at best coincidental.

And, after Mr Ryman's allegations that Mr Campbell is a member of Militant Tendency, there is a gulf between them which appears unbridgeable.

The MP's threat to call a by-election in a constituency where Labour's majority is little more than 3,000 over the Alliance has prompted the party to despatch a senior official to Tyneside to conduct an inquiry into local links with the left-wing organization.

Mr Ryman, aged 56, and a former Harmsworth Law Scholar, decided to retire at the next election amid allegations that the local party had been infiltrated by Militant.

The one-vote majority Mr Campbell achieved in the weekend selection for Labour's next general election candidate put the little-known north-east constituency in the centre of the political map.

Mr Campbell, aged 42, roundly rejects accusations that he is a member of Militant, although he admits to being "a left-wing democratic socialist" and an admirer of both Mr Derek Hatton and Mr Arthur Scargill – he proved his credentials by being fined £75 for breach of the peace when, as NUM chairman of the now closed Bates colliery, he grabbed a policeman on a picket line during the miners' strike.

The Militant tag still persists although he points out he is a practising Roman Catholic with six children – religious views that scarcely tally, he says, with a Trotskyite approach.

However, Mr Ryman insists that, even if Labour's prospective candidate is not a member of Militant itself, he has become little more than "a stooge" of supporters of the organization who have taken control of the local party.

Mr Ryman, who was educated at Pembroke College, Oxford, and called to the Bar in 1957, has not been free of controversy. Local party workers have accused him of spending too little time in the constituency, dismissing his constituency secretary without apparent reason and cancelling local surgeries.

A well-known moderate on the Labour back benches, he entered Parliament in the 1974 election. His campaigns have included efforts to save Bates colliery, where Mr Campbell worked until its closure earlier this year.

He has accused Militant of "physical intimidation" of local Labour party workers and of falsifying branch membership numbers to gain more seats on the constituency party executive. He also says the organization has packed meetings with its own supporters from non-existent groups and fixed the reselection process to prevent moderates from being nominated.

Mr Campbell, who entered politics 17 years ago as a councillor on the old Blyth council, failed last year when he contested Mr Ryman's reselection. He also attempted, unsuccessfully, to get the Labour nomination for the Berwick seat this summer.

"I am not a member of Militant and never have been," he says.

Violence hits clergy in cities

By Clifford Longley
Religious Affairs Correspondent

The growing incidence of crime and violence directed against the clergy in some run-down inner city areas is to be raised at national level in the Church of England by the Bishop of Whitby, the Right Rev Gordon Bates.

He has collected evidence from the area for which he is responsible, including central Middlesbrough, Cleveland, of a rising level of personal attacks in the past five years. "The dog collar is no longer much protection," he said yesterday.

Breaking and entering church property, including vicarages, was the most common form of crime the church encountered, followed by vandalism, and then by street violence.

The bishop said many clergy had had to fortify their premises with high walls topped by broken glass and floodlights, and in some cases barbed wire.

But the problem appears to be patchy. In the English city with the highest level of clergy in the inner areas, Liverpool, a Roman Catholic spokesman said there did not appear to be an increase in violence towards the clergy on the streets.

The central authorities of the Church of England are only just becoming aware of the problem, and there is growing interest in training clergy to defuse potentially violent situations.

The latest clerical victim, the Rev Alan Hughes, of Kirkbymoorside, North Yorkshire, recently lost £650 worth of lead from his church roof. He is installing razor-wire, non-set paint and infra-red detection devices.

Highland relic may be saved

By Gavin Bell
Arts Correspondent

A Scottish museum has been given an opportunity to save a Celtic bronze armlet, found locally at the turn of the century, from being exported by an American dealer.

Mr Richard Luce, Minister for the Arts, has recommended that an application to export the Achavrail Armlet be deferred until May 2 next year, to allow bids by public collections to keep it in Britain.

The leading contender is the Inverness Museum and Art Gallery, supported by the local district council, which hopes to raise the market value of £100,000 before the deadline.

The armlet, dating from the first or second century, was kept for generations in the Dunrobin Castle museum.

However the Duke of Sutherland sold it at auction in London last summer for £67,000 – far outstripping the Inverness museum's bid of £24,000. It was subsequently acquired by an American dealer.

Mrs Catherine Niven, curator of the museum, said yesterday that the local council had since promised £75,000 towards its purchase, and she hoped the balance could be raised from government and private sources.

The well-preserved armlet, weighing almost two pounds, is decorated with an abstract pattern and is likely to have been worn by a Celtic chieftain to display status and power.

At least 16 similar artefacts are known to be in collections in Britain, but each is unique as the metalworkers used individual wax moulds – and there is none in the Scottish Highlands where they were made.

Prison drug tests to fight smugglers

By Peter Evans, Home Affairs Correspondent

Drug barons who put pressure on prisoners going on home leave to bring narcotics into jails, face a new weapon.

The Home Office has bought two drug detection systems for use in the medical departments at Risley Remand Centre, Warrington, and Parkhurst Prison, Isle of Wight.

The system, Syva Emit-st, is used for urine analysis in many penal institutions in the United States and by British customs officers to detect drug smugglers.

Its use in British penal establishments on people who are ill to discover whether they are on drugs or to test addicts, is voluntary. The Prison Officers' Association is seeking some sort of sanction for prisoners who do not agree to take the test.

The association says that about half of Britain's prison population is caught up in drug abuse and only tough action by the Government will begin to correct it.

The association says that pressure is put by drug barons on prisoners about to be allowed home for readjustment before release, to bring back a supply of drugs.

It adds that the prisoner could be afraid to return, will abscond and get into further trouble; he will bring the drugs back; or he will return empty-handed and then have to be segregated for his own protection. Youngsters are also being turned into addicts, according to the association.

Emit-st's manufacturer, Syva UK, claims that on-site urine testing in the United States has left some prisons drug-free. The detectors will fit into brief cases and can test any one of 10 drugs in about 90 seconds.

"It's two years since we produced a report calling for action and all we have seen during that time is a gradual deterioration in what was already a horrific situation." Mr Phil Hornsby, the association's assistant general secretary, said.

"Drugs have become the main form of currency in prisons and as organized searching has not halted the upward trend, new measures will have to be considered to stop the rot."

He wants a detection system to stop drugs entering prisons. Some sort of test is also sought to establish whether a prisoner has been taking drugs. That is the only way to prove involvement in abuse, Mr Hornsby says.

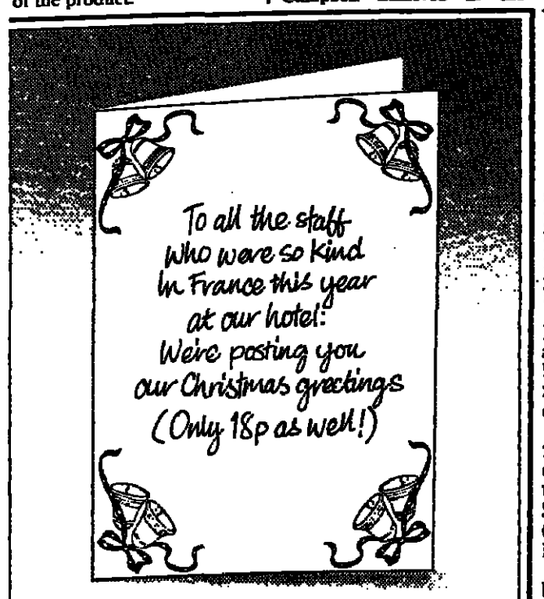
"The penalty for someone judged to be a drug abuser should be losing remission of sentence and that would put a useful anti-drug abuse weapon into our hands."

Mr Hornsby has much sympathy for the young person, and his family who find themselves caught up in the drug scene.

He said: "It's difficult enough for the offender's family to have to cope with the fact that an offspring is detained for committing a criminal offence, but when he returns to them a fully-fledged addict this is an additional burden they should not have to carry."

● Boy George, the pop singer, has disclosed in *Woman* magazine that he decided to give up heroin because he could not bear to see the hurt he was causing his mother.

He said: "She knew something was wrong. She never really came out with it, but one day she just burst into tears and it was terrible."



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Taunts led to killing at school

Rustum Ali, aged 14, who stabbed a boy to death in a playground fight over racial taunts, was sentenced to up to three years youth custody at Birmingham Crown Court yesterday.

Ali, of Wilson Road, Handsworth, Birmingham, admitted manslaughter after his plea of not guilty to murder was accepted by the court.

Mr Douglas Draycott, QC, for the prosecution, told the court that Ali had been consistently taunted and bullied by Sean Keyes, aged 15, of Carpenter Road, Lozells, Birmingham.

Last May there was a fight between them at Holte comprehensive school, New Town, Birmingham, where they were both pupils. Mr Draycott said that Sean Keyes, 22 months older than Ali and physically stronger, had been accidentally kicked by Ali during a football match causing "bad blood" between them. At one stage the boys were separated, but an onlooker handed Ali a knife.

Mr Justice Otten, sentencing Ali to detention not exceeding three years, said the treatment he had received from Sean Keyes had been gross provocation.

Moor hunt half-way through

By Ian Smith

Police are half way through their search for the bodies of two children thought to have been buried on the Yorkshire moors more than 20 years ago by Myra Hindley and Ian Brady.

Hopes were high that eight specially trained body detection dogs would unearth the graves of Keith Bennett and Pauline Read within days of starting their sweep of Saddleworth Moor.

After 14 days the dogs have found nothing but non-human remains, but the man leading the search, Det Chief Supt Peter Topping, joint head of Greater Manchester's CID, remains optimistic.

"I believe we have a reasonable chance of finding the bodies," he said yesterday.

While Mr Douglas Hurd, Home Secretary, delays a decision over a police request that Hindley be escorted from Cookham Wood Prison in Kent to the moor, Mr Topping disclosed he might for a second time see Ian Brady at Park Lane special hospital on Merseyside, where he is undergoing psychiatric treatment.

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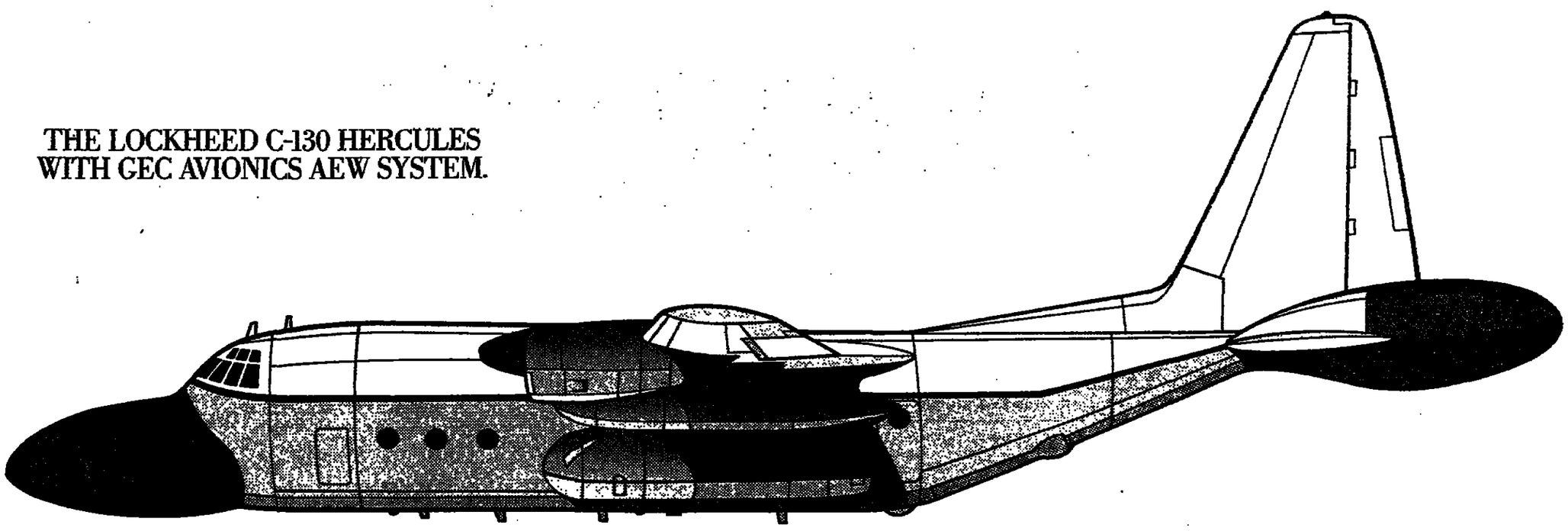

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Poland says no to Kennedy trip

Warsaw (Reuter) – Poland yesterday ruled out a visit by Senator Edward Kennedy during which he intended to present human rights awards to leading dissidents and to meet Mr Lech Walesa, the Solidarity leader.

The government spokesman, Mr Jerzy Urban, told reporters: "The senator's visit to Poland, no matter what his intentions are, is not possible because of the overloaded schedule of previously planned political events."

Senator Kennedy's office in Washington said he had intended to arrive in Warsaw on December 22 and to leave on Christmas Day after visiting Mr Walesa in Gdansk.

The main purpose of his trip, apart from meeting Mr Walesa, was to present the 1986 Robert Kennedy Memorial human rights award to the former Solidarity underground leader Mr Zbigniew Bujak and the dissident intellectual Mr Adam Michnik.

Helsinki Aids

Helsinki (Reuter) – Several Africans studying in Finland have returned home suffering from Aids, Dr Jukka Suni of the Helsinki Aurora Hospital said.

He said tests carried out in the past two years on about 60 African students, mainly from Zambia, which shares projects with Finland, showed that 10 per cent carried the Aids virus.

Those who had returned to Africa were suffering from actual symptoms of Aids while others showed minor or no symptoms.

Envoy returns

Vienna – Austria has decided to send its Ambassador to Israel back to TelAviv after withdrawing him earlier this autumn (Richard Bassett writes).

Herr Otto Pleinert was recalled to Vienna after the Israeli decision not to replace immediately their Ambassador to Vienna, Mr Michael Elizur, who has retired.

The decision was widely seen as reflecting Israel's disenchantment with the Austrians after the election of Dr Kurt Waldheim as Austria's President last summer.

Gulf war bombing

Nicosia (AP) – Iraq said yesterday its aircraft had bombed a power station at Hamadan in western Iran causing serious damage.

The state-run Iraqi News Agency, monitored here, described the plant as a "vital" power station but Iran did not comment on the Iraqi claim.

Earlier, the official Islamic Republic News Agency said Iran fired three missiles at Iraq's port city of Basra, hitting industrial and economic targets. Iran also shelled Basra and three towns in southern Iraq killing 59 people.

Sikh wife charges

Delhi – Mrs Kuldeep Kaur, wife of Dr Paul Bedi, the Sikh president of Britain's Asian Conservatives, is being investigated for possible involvement in a plan to blow up a Hindu temple, according to the United News of India news agency (Michael Hamlyn writes).

She is also being accused of having an elaborate plan for assassinations, train derailments and attacks on army convoys, and is said to have met "hardcore terrorists" here, the agency reported.

Price of freedom

Bonn – West Germany last year bought freedom for a record total of more than 2,500 political prisoners in East German jails, Herr Heinrich Windelen, the Minister for Inner-German Relations, disclosed yesterday (John England writes).

The figure is the highest annual total since Bonn's money-for-people trade began in 1963, since when about £900 million has bought freedom for some 25,000 people. Herr Windelen said it would not be reached this year.

British mechanic to be deported from US

Los Angeles – Mr Harvey Rader, a British Rolls-Royce mechanic, once charged with the murder of two families in California, has been ordered deported to Britain (Ivor Davis writes).

Mr Rader, aged 44, who runs a car-hire business in a suburb of Los Angeles, was arrested by immigration and naturalization agents who accused him of lying about a 1977 robbery conviction in Britain when he applied for permanent residence status in the US in 1980.

Mr Rader was first arrested in November 1983 in connection with the disappearance of an Israeli family, Mr Sol Salomon, his wife, Elaine, and their two children, and English immigrant couple, Mr Peter Davis and his wife, Jean. Police said Mr Rader was the last person to see the Salomons alive. The bodies of both families have never been found.

McFarlane testimony contradicts White House statement

White House in trouble on discrepancy as critics close in

From Michael Binyon, Washington

The extraordinary revelations by Mr George Shultz, the Secretary of State, on Monday, of the way he was bypassed in the Iran arms sales have caused consternation in the embattled White House, but more threatening questions were raised by the testimony of Mr Robert McFarlane, the former National Security Adviser.

In particular, his statement that President Reagan specifically authorized the shipment in August 1985 of arms to Iran by Israel contradicts the repeated insistence by the White House that Mr Reagan knew of this only after the event.

The White House was unable again yesterday to reconcile the discrepancy as more and more critics asserted that Mr Reagan, or at least another senior official, must have authorized the shipments.

Suspicions continued to swirl around the roles of Mr William Casey, the Director of the Central Intelligence Agency, and Mr Donald Regan, the White House Chief of Staff.

Mr McFarlane flatly contradicted statements made by the President in an interview with *Time* magazine two weeks ago in which he said "another country" overcharged the Iranians for arms and put the proceeds into the Contra bank accounts. "It wasn't US funnelling money to them," Mr Reagan said then.

But Mr McFarlane told the committee that Lieutenant-Colonel Oliver North had told him in May, while they were both on an arms delivery mission to Tehran, that "the US Government had applied part of the proceeds" from the arms sales to helping the Contras. He would not answer when asked why he had not told Colonel North that this might be illegal. But he emphasized that he believed the President did not know about this.

In another controversial disclosure Mr McFarlane said that he considered Mr Reagan's oral approval in August 1985 of the arms shipment from Israel to Iran had the same legal authority as a written intelligence "finding" – an authorization which Mr Reagan officially gave in January 1986 for arms deliveries.

Part of the controversy surrounding the whole affair is the question whether the August shipment violated the US embargo which specifically forbids either the US Government, or individuals or even third countries from exporting US-made arms to Iran or Iraq.

Without an official "finding", oral approval by the President would appear legally to be insufficient.

Mr McFarlane said Mr Edwin Meese, the Attorney-General, has voiced the opinion that such unwritten authority by the President was legal.

Mr Reagan, according to Mr McFarlane, told his senior aides, singly and in private conversation, about his authorization.

This raises extremely important questions which go to the heart of the credibility of the White House and of Mr Reagan personally.

Did the President give such authorization, as claimed by Mr McFarlane? If so, did he then genuinely forget about it afterwards? If, on the other hand, Mr Reagan gave no such order, who did?

Mr McFarlane suggested a "climate of opinion had been created in the White House which looked favourably on the shipment of arms to Iran and may have led to the diversion of funds from the profits".

Two men at the heart of the Iran arms debate: Mr John Kelly, the recalled US Ambassador to Lebanon; and, right, Vice-Admiral John Poindexter leaving home yesterday to appear before the House Foreign Affairs Committee.

Envoy lacked 'hands-on' expertise

From Mohsin Ali, Washington

Mr John Kelly, the US Ambassador to Lebanon, who has been summoned home to explain his involvement in the Iran arms sale operation, went to Beirut only about four months ago and previously had no important assignment in the Middle East.

Mr Kelly, aged 47, is a respected career officer who joined the Foreign Service in 1965. He has held a variety of posts with American missions in Turkey, Thailand and France before being nominated as Ambassador to Beirut by President Reagan in July.

Mr Kelly's brother, Mr James Kelly, is a director for Asian affairs on President Reagan's National Security Council.

Mr John Kelly's Foreign Service record does not list any posting in the Arab world. Diplomatic observers thought that one reason he may have been chosen for the Lebanon assignment – a dangerous post for American diplomats and their families – is that he is single.

However, he has much knowledge of Middle East developments having worked in the State Department's Bureau of Intelligence and Research in 1972-73 before going to the Pentagon as a special assistant for Thailand in the Defence Secretary's office.

He used the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) communications network to pass messages from Beirut to the National Security Council staff, but there is no suggestion that he has any links with the CIA. Indeed, Western governments are extremely careful about not appointing intelligence officers as heads of diplomatic missions abroad.

Mr Kelly was political-military officer at the Paris Embassy during 1976-80 and was later principal deputy assistant secretary for European affairs in the State Department.

Besides having lengthy experience of administrative and public affairs, Mr Kelly has also attended the Armed Forces Staff College at Norfolk, Virginia.

Colleagues described him as a "very competent person" who had found himself in difficult situations before and responded well.

Portuguese channel for Israel-Iran arms traffic

From Martha de la Cal
Lisbon

Portugal's 20 armament companies export arms legally to Iran, Iraq and other countries with prior approval of the ministries of Defence and Foreign Affairs, but during the past few years Portugal has also served as an intermediary for trans-shipping arms from Israel to Iran by importing them, adding local content and sending them on with shipments of Portuguese arms.

An official in the Ministry of Defence in Lisbon told *The Times*: "We sell arms to both Iran and Iraq. Last year we had a big contract with Iran." He admitted that shipments go through "in transit", but said no one in government knew of any illegal operations.

Portugal has sold a total of £94 million of arms legally to Iran during the past three years and a total of £23 million during the first six months of 1986.

The companies which export the greatest amount are the state-owned Indep (Industrias de Defesa Portuguesas), Fabrica Nacional de Municoes e Armas Ligeiras, Cometna and Extra-Explosivos de Trafaria.

Indep, which exports 95 per cent of its production, produces automatic rifles, machine-guns, mortars and ammunition. Cometna is making mortars for Iran, and Extra is loading grenades and mortars in shell cases received from Israel and Italy.

The attitude of the American Embassy in Lisbon is that the United States would be interested in Portugal's arms trade with Iran only if it were receiving US military equipment and turning around and selling it to Iran or if it involved nuclear or supersophisticated equipment.

Gringos fight language invasion

US move to preserve English

From Christopher Thomas
New York

An overwhelming vote in a California referendum in favour of making English the official language has fired a national movement to fight bilingualism, provoking alarm among Spanish speakers and Asians and creating havoc in schools with bilingual programmes.

Nebraska, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Virginia and Georgia have declared English their official language and similar legislation is pending in California and 15 other states, including New York and Florida, which have enormous Hispanic populations.

The movement has clearly inflamed intense passions among English-speaking Americans about the steady drift towards bilingualism in states like Texas and California. Demographers have speculated that both could have a Spanish-speaking majority within a few generations.

US English, the main national organization behind the movement with 250,000 members, believes 30 states will be debating language legislation by next year. Already, dozens of cities and counties have adopted English-only laws.

The English language movement is widely regarded as an adjunct to the movement for immigration control. Accusations of racism are common from Asians and Hispanics, the two groups most affected.

California is discussing legislation to ban bilingual education, already in 600,000 state schools, following the November 4 referendum. Coincidentally, current bilingual programmes end in 1987 and Governor George Deukmejian has vetoed a Democratic-sponsored Bill to extend them for five years. (Bilingual programmes are very expensive.)

Attempts are under way in Congress to pass a constitutional amendment declaring English the official language, but that is bound to be an uphill battle. Most of the fight against bilingualism is being staged at the local and state level. In Florida for example, 20 municipalities have adopted English as their official language during the past year.

A plea for rights in Indonesia

Jakarta – A leading Indonesian human rights group yesterday called on the Government to install two human rights bodies – one in the country's Parliament and the other in the Attorney-General's office – to enable a more systematic monitoring of human rights (Our Correspondent writes).

In a report issued yesterday, the Institute for Legal Aid (LBH), a privately-funded organization, said the human rights situation in 1986 was "neither better nor worse" than in 1985. But it said freedom of expression had worsened.

Rights group to focus on women and children

By Caroline Moorehead

A new human rights organization, Rights and Humanity, was launched in *London last night, the eve of* International Human Rights Day, to focus on the "plight of men, women and children who face starvation, racial discrimination, or unprovoked violence and who are unable to defend themselves".

The purpose of the new body, which is backed by a prestigious international council and includes such people as Professor Theo van Boven, Professor Sir James Fawcett, QC, and Sir Brian Urquhart, is not to set new laws or new standards but to make existing legal machinery work for people who need it.

"Too many people at present fall outside the work or mandates of UN and non-governmental bodies," says its director and founder, Miss Julia Häusermann, a lawyer with long experience of overseas and refugee work.

"Certain categories of people – dissidents, ethnic minorities – are protected, while people who belong to no easy category get left out."

The new group has drawn up a list of projects aimed at finding ways to help people understand their rights and how to enforce them. It does not intend to duplicate work already being carried out.

At a moment of unprecedented human rights interest, the question is how effective it can be at carving its own niche. Spectrum, page 12

Moscow professor draws grim picture

From Christopher Walker
Moscow

A brutally frank picture of the many severe social problems being faced by the Soviet Union has been outlined here at a rare press conference by Professor Igor Bestuzhev-Lada, one of Moscow's leading sociologists.

Among the "negative tendencies" repeatedly ignored by Soviet sociologists in the past, Professor Bestuzhev-Lada named a growing drugs problem, alcoholism on a chronic scale, family breakdowns, excessive bureaucracy when dealing with youth, an out-dated system of higher education, and specific women's problems.

He said that for demographic reasons, the Soviet Union faced both problems evident in Asia and Africa "and practically the same problems which exist in Western countries". He said that their solutions lay in being "open" about their existence.

The 53-year-old professor, who is also one of Moscow's most respected futurologists, reserved some of his harshest criticism for his fellow social scientists in the communist state. He accused them of being afraid of the country's problems and therefore reluctant to release accurate statistics on them.

"I am for the publication of all sorts of figures, but unfortunately my opponents have their own ideas," he said. "They are afraid to publish, particularly out of fear of our communal problems. I am sure that if such data on negative issues were published, people would rapidly become bored with it as they did with pornography in Scandanavia when it was legalized there."

The academic spoke with remarkable openness about the "personality cult of Stalin", which he said was largely responsible for retarding the science of sociology in the Soviet Union and preventing for many years the proper analysis of many problems.

Apart from the outspoken nature of his remarks, the press conference – organized by the Soviet Foreign Ministry – also was marked by the lack of buck-passing to the West, which in the past has been often blamed for exporting its drugs and prostitution problems to the Soviet bloc.

Among the many statistics thrown out during the 90-minute session, some of the most revealing concerned the increasing instability of the Soviet family. One in every two marriages in the main cities and one in three in rural areas are doomed to end in divorce, with alcoholism and woefully inadequate housing the main complaints.

The professor, who has written widely on the problems of Soviet family life, said the high number of divorces was one reason why an increasing, although still statistically small, number of young people in the atheistic state were turning to religion.

He said the gradual religious revival had begun as early as the 1930's and that its other main cause was the over-bureaucratic nature of Communist Party youth organizations, such as the Young Pioneers and Komsomol.

The professor attributed many of the current social the breakdown of traditional values and the rigid family discipline inherited from old Russia when 82 per cent of its people lived in the countryside.

"Now, almost all the old traditions are destroyed and new customs are not yet developed," he said. "We are in a transition period. There was an unprecedented rise in alcoholism, and when we fought that, drugs became a problem, but not on a scale which can be compared with the West."

The professor blamed previous Kremlin administrations for boosting the state coffers by mass producing vodka, which was cheap to manufacture and easy to sell, without considering the "material, moral and social costs".

Steps had at last been taken to reverse this trend, he reported, with state revenue from vodka sales recently cut by about £8.5 million.

problems, which under the leadership of Mr Mikhail Gorbachov are getting an airing in the state media, to

Rebels count successes after Kabul reshuffle

From Michael Hamlyn
Delhi

The onset of winter, which usually signals a distinct reduction in guerrilla activity in Afghanistan, has been greeted this year by an upsurge in fighting instead.

In and around Kabul, the Afghan capital, and especially around the southern city of Kandahar, the bitter battle has continued, according to Western diplomats.

The lack of success of the Soviet-backed Government in both arenas is blamed by some diplomats on the effective demotion of Colonel-General Nazar Muhammad, the Minister of Defence, who became a Deputy Prime Minister in a reshuffle announced last week.

The diplomats also suggest that there has been a shake-up within the Defence Ministry itself, with as many as 20 senior officers arrested and charged with being Mujahedin sympathizers.

Activity in Kabul has been marked, they say, by fresh guerrillas moving into the area armed with "new weapons" which are said to include anti-aircraft missiles and an Oerlikon machine gun, reputed to be thoroughly effective against helicopter gunships.

Certainly Kabul residents during the past week have reported rocket activity from the insurgents and artillery reaction by the government forces almost every day.

A number of successes in bringing down helicopters and fixed-wing planes has been reported. Helicopters have been reported in trouble both close to Kabul and in the east of the country. One fixed-wing plane has been reported by Afghan sources to have been brought down in Shewaki, south of the capital, and another to have crash-landed, killing 40 passengers, short of Kabul airport.

Around Kandahar, heavy fighting has been reported along the road towards Ghazni.

An Afghan source reported that 82 Afghan Army officers and ocos have been brought back wounded to Kabul from the Kandahar fighting. Diplomats also say that Soviet casualties are being flown directly to the Soviet Union.

As a result of the ministerial changes Dr Muhammad Najib, the Afghan leader, has strengthened his position against any come-back by the dismissed former President, Mr Babrak Karmal.

Reports are circulating in Kabul that Mr Karmal will be offered the post of Ambassador in Czechoslovakia.

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The Turkish troops who occupy 37% of Cyprus prevent 200,00 displaced Greek Cypriots from returning to their homes. The few hundred Greek Cypriots still there are being squeezed out and the properties of the displaced Greek Cypriots have been distributed to Turks. On the contrary, the homes of Turkish Cypriots in the free part of the Republic of Cyprus are still officially considered to be their own properties, but the Turkish military occupation regime which forced or lured them away from their homes does not allow them to return there.

About 60,000 settlers from the Turkish mainland have been brought to Cyprus and have been granted "political rights" by the Turkish Cypriot "authorities". Thus, in the area of Cyprus under Turkish military control there is now one mainland Turk, civilian or soldier, for every Turkish Cypriot. The people of Cyprus have the right to reject the massive imposition of foreigners on their homeland.

Turkey is preventing the investigation into the fate of the 1619 Greek Cypriots who have been missing since the Turkish invasion in 1974. Their families have the right to know whether they are alive or dead. The prolonged uncertainty about the fate of their "disappeared" is nothing less than a subtle form of cruel torture.

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The violations of human rights as a result of the Turkish military occupation of part of Cyprus have been authoritatively verified by impartial international organs, including the Commission of Human Rights of the Council of Europe. This intolerable situation must not be allowed to continue. We appeal to the international community and particularly to human rights organisations to take all steps necessary to put an end to the tragedy of Cyprus.

THE COMMITTEE FOR THE RESTORATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS THROUGHOUT CYPRUS

Paris hopes time will cool student tempers

Chirac backs down and defers debate on controversial Bill

From Diana Geddes, Paris

In what looked like a further Government retreat yesterday, M Jacques Chirac, the French Prime Minister, announced that there would be no extraordinary session of Parliament in January, as originally planned, after Parliament breaks up for its Christmas recess on December 21.

That means there will be no debate on the Government's controversial French citizenship Bill – making it more difficult for resident immigrants to obtain French nationality – until the opening of the ordinary session of Parliament next April.

The Government evidently hopes that this will leave time for passions to cool down following the violent student demonstrations of the past fortnight and the death of a student, who significantly happened to be of Algerian origin, after being beaten up by police during demonstrations on Friday night.

Although M Chirac has been complimented for his "wisdom" and "reasonableness" in deciding to withdraw the university reform Bill, his image as a tough law-and-order politician and as a likely future presidential candidate has been badly dented by the Government's capitulation in the face of the student demonstrations.

Many of the hardliners in his Gaullist RPR Party feel badly let down, although solidarity with the Government requires them to hold their tongues. But M Jean-Marie Le Pen, leader of the extreme-Right National Front, spoke for more than just his own supporters when he accused the Government of unforgiveable weakness.

Meanwhile, the Socialists, who from the outset have supported the students' call for a total withdrawal of the university reform Bill, have taken care not to become too closely associated with the students' protest, fearing that they would be accused of exploiting the movement to their own party political ends and would also become identified in the public eye with the associated violence.

Despite the Government's abandonment of its planned reforms in the universities and the *lycées*, the students are planning to go ahead with their demonstration today, which will now be held in memory of the student who died after being beaten up by police and in protest against alleged police brutality.

A black banner bearing the photograph of the dead student, Malik Oussekine, will lead the students, who are due to march peacefully and in silence from Denfert-Rochereau in the south of Paris to the Place de la Nation in the east, thereby avoiding the "flash-points" of past student violence – the National Assembly, the Paris *Hôtel de Ville*, and the Boulevard St Michel. Demonstrators will wear badges bearing the legend *"Plus jamais cela!"* ("Never again that!").

The public prosecutor's office, which had originally opened a simple inquiry into the causes of M Oussekine's death, has now started legal proceedings against "X" on a charge of manslaughter. The National Assembly is setting up its own committee of inquiry into the incident.

All but the communist-led CGT union have called off strikes planned today in support of the students' demands for the withdrawal of the university reform Bill. However, several organizations, including the main teachers' union, the largest parents' federation, the French Communist Party, and 100 leading "intellectuals" and entertainers plan to participate in today's march in protest against police violence.

With universities set to break up for two weeks on December 19, the main student protest movement seems set to fizzle out. However, the reawakened hard core of student militants may not fade away so easily.

Wounded soldier and his gun

Señor Jesus Guerrero, a Nicaraguan soldier, lying wounded in hospital after an air attack which injured eight people in the town of Wiwili, 156 miles north of Managua.

Students shun the personality cult

From Michael McCarthy, Paris

The young man who came closest to being leader of the successful French student revolt of 1986 announced its end to the television cameras yesterday without giving his name.

He is David Assouline, a short, sallow-faced, graduate student of history, but he gave details of today's final mass march through Paris – slogan: Never Again – merely as an anonymous member of the student national co-ordinating committee, flanked by his fellow members from the French capital and the provinces.

The absence of visible leaders has been as strong a feature of this student movement as its spontaneity and determination not to be captured by outside political interests, all in stark contrast with the events of 1968.

Then, student leaders like Daniel Cohn-Bendit and Jean-Jacques Sauvageot became household names, but in the past three weeks those at the head of the present movement who gave way to the cult of the personality have done so to their cost.

Isabelle Thomas, a pretty law student from Villetaneuse University in north Paris, was the first to be seized on by the French press as a convenient leader figure, but after allowing herself to be described as "the symbol of the revolt" she found herself unpopular and was not elected to the national co-ordinating committee.

Phillipe Darriulat, the president of a socialist-aligned student union, the UNEF-ID, was also spoken of as a possible leader and encountered similar unpopularity. It was not he who declared an end to the agitation yesterday: he was not present.

David Assouline: anonymous among French student leaders.

The man making the victory speech, as it were, was denounced as a Trotskyist by a leading right-wing politician at the outset, but the fact that he was there at the end as well as the beginning means he read correctly the 1986 student movement's anti-personality and virtual apolitical character.

David Assouline is 27, considerably older than most of those about him, with a master's degree in history, now studying for his doctorate (his thesis is on immigration into France between the two world wars).

M Jacques Tubon, the general secretary of M Jacques Chirac's RPR party, hinted that M Assouline was a member of the Trotskyist Revolutionary Communist League, but M Assouline refused to disclose his political opinions to *The Times* yesterday. He said: "The press has said things, but as part of the movement I don't want to talk about it. Everyone has his ideas."

He read out a scrupulously non-political agenda for today's mass march through Paris which was intended to be part of a general strike to force the Government's hand, but is now obsolete of purpose and has become half victory procession and half memorial service for Malik Oussekine, the student killed in last week's riots.

Asked if he felt that the 1986 student revolt could perhaps have achieved more than just the withdrawal of the Government's university reform plan, M Assouline said: "No. It had no other objective than the withdrawal of the plan."

Honduran-Nicaraguan relations

Envoys play down conflict

From Alan Tomlinson
Tegucigalpa

Honduras and Nicaragua appear anxious to prevent several days of border clashes between their troops from developing into open conflict.

On Monday, as American military helicopters shuttled Honduran troops to near the combat zone, diplomats from the two embattled Central American countries played down the seriousness of the situation.

Señor Daniel Abud Vivas, the Nicaraguan Ambassador to Honduras, said the affair was being handled with care, while a Honduran Foreign Ministry official said the air strikes against Sandinista positions were a limited response in proportion to the alleged Nicaraguan incursion.

Fighting began at the weekend when several hundred Nicaraguan troops, pitted against US-backed Contra rebels based in southern Honduras, clashed with Honduran soldiers.

Honduran jets retaliated on Sunday by bombing Sandinista positions in and around the Honduran village of Capire in the heart of what has been dubbed "new Nicaragua" because it is occupied by thousands of anti-Sandinista rebels.

Managua said the jets had strafed the garrison town of Wiwili, 13 miles inside Nicaragua.

President Azcona of Honduras called on the Americans to lift several hundred local troops.

It was the second time this year that the 1500-man US contingent in Honduras carried out combat support.

US officials said American involvement ceased late on Monday and General John Gavin, the chief of US forces in Panama who had been supervising the operation, left Honduras.

Señor Guillermo Cáceres, the acting Foreign Minister of Honduras, said developments on the border would determine whether further American assistance would be requested.

Señor Azcona said that he had telephoned President Ortega of Nicaragua on Saturday to advise him to withdraw his troops from Honduran territory. He said that according to his country's military intelligence, they had been operating there for at least 10 days.

The Sandinista Army is believed to have set up a cordon of troops several miles inside Honduras to prevent the Contras infiltrating Nicaragua.

Nicaragua says that about 6,000 Contras are based in Honduras. US officials and the rebels put the number as high as 15,000.

Peru's main opposition, the United Left coalition, yesterday called for a break in diplomatic relations with the US and Honduras over what it called Tegucigalpa's armed intervention in Nicaragua (Reuter reports from Lima).

The coalition, which holds a quarter of the seats in Congress, said it would support the formation of volunteer brigades to fight for Nicaragua.

President García of Peru is a strong supporter of the Sandinista Government.

Bulgarian champion disappears

Sydney (AFP) – The world champion weightlifter, Neum Shalamanov of Bulgaria, has disappeared in Melbourne and there is speculation that he has defected.

Shalamanov, 19, a featherweight who is the only man to have lifted three times his own weight, was reported missing by officials of the Bulgarian team which competed in the World Cup on Sunday. Australian weighlifting officials appealed on television for information.

Chinese open Xavier island

Macao (Reuter) – China has lifted a 37-year travel ban to Shangchuan Island, where the Jesuit leader, St Francis Xavier, died more than 400 years ago, church officials said.

They quoted Chinese officials as saying: "China's open policy on religion is reality. Christians are welcome to worship at the place where Xavier died."

Paper fury

St Louis (AP) – Nathan Hicks, aged 35, upset because his younger brother, Herbert, used six rolls of toilet paper in two days, shot him dead.

Dawn clashes

Montalto di Castro (Reuter) – Six people were injured when Italian police used tear gas to break up a dawn anti-nuclear demonstration at an atomic power plant here.

1,200 freed

Abu Dhabi (Reuter) – The State Security Minister of South Yemen, Said Saleh Salem, said in an interview that 1,200 jailed supporters of former President Ali Nasser Mohammed had been freed.

Quake victims

Vienna (Reuter) – Three people were killed and more than 30 injured in an earthquake which nearly destroyed the town of Strazhitsa, 150 miles north-east of Sofia, the official BTA news agency said.

Prison bribes

Belgrade (Reuter) – Sixteen officials at Sremska Mitrovica Prison were arrested and charged with taking about $20,000 (£14,000) in bribes from relatives of jailed foreigners, the official Tanjug news agency said.

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Toll mounts in clashes with Israeli troops

Army told to keep low profile as violence spreads in Gaza

From Ian Murray, Jerusalem

For the sixth consecutive day violence spread through the Occupied Territories yesterday, despite instructions to the Israeli Army to keep a low profile and attempts by Palestinian leaders to cool tempers.

The worst troubles were in the Gaza Strip, where Palestinian sources said three demonstrators were wounded by gunshot and 30 others beaten with clubs as the Army broke up demonstrations.

At Deir Ammar camp, near Bethlehem, another man was said to have been wounded by gunfire, while in Manger Square in the town, where the Christmas decorations had started to go up, there were clashes between students and security forces.

In a well-disciplined demonstration yesterday, around 1,000 students and staff of Bir Zeit University held a mile-long silent protest march from their new campus on a hill in the countryside to their old one in the town, which has now been shut until the New Year. The march paused for a moment at the spot where one of the two students from the university was shot dead by Israeli troops last Thursday.

The current wave of protests is one of the most sustained and widespread in the 19-year occupation of the West Bank and Gaza, with young teenagers taking full advantage of the tense and angry atmosphere to throw stones at the Israelis they have learned to hate while living in the teeming refugee camps and slums of the Territories.

Stone-throwing is the usual reason given by the Israeli Army for troops for firing live ammunition at demonstrators. It has been the excuse for all four occasions in the past week in which people have died.

In an attempt to stop it yesterday, troops going in to break up a demonstration at the Jabalia camp on the Gaza Strip arrested a number of youngsters and made them sit on their vehicles as they rode in. This human screen stopped anyone in the camp even thinking of throwing stones.

Before shooting they are meant to be in "imminent danger" and on a rocky hillside outside Amari camp, south of Ramallah, yesterday I learned how real that danger can be. With colleagues from the BBC and Reuter, I was driving to Bir Zeit when we noticed 100 or so youngsters on the hillside, a quarter of a mile or so from the main road, which was protected at that point by a patrol of soldiers from the Givati Brigade in their purple berets.

We turned down a side-road to reach the hillside and found an old bath tub and some rocks had been put up to block the way to the camp. As we got out of the car one of the youngsters spotted us and shouted. The whole group turned and ran down the hill towards us. As they ran they began to throw stones.

Bernard Edinger, from Reuter, shouted in Arabic: "English journalists." But the stoning continued. Two Arab women from a nearby house rushed out to try to stop the charge, but in vain. We turned back to the car as stones began to rain down. One hit the back of my leg and slowed me to a walk.

We reached the car but as we accelerated away the rear side window seemed to explode and a brick-sized rock hit Mr Edinger on the back of the head, momentarily knocking him out, ripping off a patch of hair and opening an ugly gash behind the ear.

With hindsight it had been stupid to go towards the youngsters. They were only 12 to 16 years old, intent on declaring their camp a "no-go" area and the troops had wisely kept out of range until they grew bored. We provided the target the youngsters had been waiting for.

But under that hail of stones it was easy to understand just how simple it would be for a young soldier with a gun in his hand to lose control and fire.

It was also easy to see that the youngsters were enjoying their moment of power. For a short while they could feel they had restored a kind of Palestinian rule on the hillside, where they openly defied the Israeli troops.

At the university the disciplined demonstration had chanted, "Reagan, Reagan, you must know, we support the PLO" and had briefly flown the illegal Palestinian flag. But it was their ill-disciplined younger brothers, and a few sisters, who had, however briefly, recaptured the land.

Mr Ira Rappaport, a US-born leader of Israel's Jewish settlement movement, was indicted yesterday in Jerusalem District Court on suspicion of planting a bomb which blew off the legs of Mr Bassam Shakaa, the Palestinian Mayor of Nablus, in June 1980. Israel Radio said (AP reports from Jerusalem). He was charged with membership in a terrorist organization and aggravated assault.

Lady Pamela Youde placing a wreath on the coffin of her husband, Sir Edward Youde, during the funeral service of Hong Kong's former Governor in the colony's St John's Cathedral yesterday.

The funeral was conducted with honours almost equivalent to those appropriate for a head of state. Ten Coldstream Guardsmen carried the coffin from a military vehicle into the cathedral (David Bonavia writes).

Two 17-gun salutes were fired in the course of the day. After the moving service, Sir Edward's body was driven to the crematorium at Cape Collinson, where it was cremated.

Lady Pamela accompanied the cortège with her two daughters. Prominent officials, businessmen and diplomats were among those invited to the cathedral but the cremation ceremony was for close friends and family members only.

Old Hong Kong hands were amazed at the degree of affection and interest shown by ordinary Chinese. Some of the bystanders watching the funeral cortège pass wept. No other British dignitary in living memory has elicited such a strong emotional response.

Chinese students in march for democracy

Peking (AP) — Thousands of university students in the east China provincial capital of Hefei marched on government headquarters yesterday demanding greater democracy, city residents said.

The protest, the first mass demonstration for democracy since the 1978-1979 Peking Spring, coincided with the anniversary of a 1935 anti-Japanese student movement that has traditionally marked a tense period on Chinese campuses.

One witness said about 3,000 students with banners saying "We demand democracy" marched through the streets, chanting "No democracy, no modernization".

Residents said the students gathered on the steps of the Anhui provincial government headquarters to make speeches calling for greater democracy in the selection of representatives for the People's Congress.

Agitation in Hefei began on Friday with a 5,000-strong campus demonstration against the Communist Party vetting of candidates to the Anhui Provincial People's Congress, a foreign student there said.

A hilly province that is not normally a focus of political developments in China, Anhui includes some of the country's poorest districts.

Wiesel faces war of words in Oslo

From Tony Samstag, Oslo

MrElie Wiesel, the man of peace, was visibly discomforted yesterday to find that he had walked straight into a war of words.

Mr Wiesel, who is to receive the 1986 Nobel Peace Prize at the University of Oslo today, was bombarded during an introductory press conference with hostile questions concerning his attitudes, as a Jew and a Zionist, towards the Palestinian question.

When one friendly question finally emerged — that was, how did he feel about the hostile line of questioning with which he had been greeted? — the guest of honour complained: "You are asking me questions because I am a Jew that you would not have otherwise asked me."

Norwegian and German journalists repeatedly returned to the theme of Israeli treatment of the Palestinians, several times asking Mr Wiesel, whose reputation as a writer is based on his personal experiences during the holocaust, what his response was to the recent deaths of children shot by Israeli soldiers.

Patiently, the Nobel laureate reiterated that he was a man of peace, not a politician, and deplored all violence.

"I cannot defend any death," he said, "particularly the death of children. I do not believe any Israeli officer wanted to kill children."

Norwegian feelings run high on the Palestinian question and a demonstration is planned by anti-Israeli groups during Mr Wiesel's visit.

Mr Wiesel plans to use the £200,000 prize money to establish a foundation for peace studies, which would hold a conference next year in Hiroshima.

In reply to a final question — what made him happy? — Mr Wiesel had the last word on the press conference itself: "I belong to a special generation; our joy is never complete." There had been no champagne in his house, he said, when he was told he had won the prize.

Washington abstains in UN censure vote

From Zoriana Pysariwsky, New York

Israel's violent response to Palestinian demonstrators on the West Bank was strongly censured by the United Nations Security Council last night, when it called for maximum restraint to prevent tensions escalating further.

In a rare departure from its policy of shielding Israel from formal criticism, the United States reinforced the Council's view that the Israelis' show of force could only fuel confrontation and inspire rioting.

Fourteen Council members approved of the resolution and the Reagan Administration showed its displeasure by abstaining.

The American acquiescence to a resolution it would have normally blocked angered the Israelis, who maintained throughout the two-day debate that their soldiers were forced to fire at the protesters.

Mr Benjamin Netanyahu, the Israeli representative, said there was a conspiracy to provoke violence in the region, which the Israeli Government sought to pacify.

But the US decision was seen as an attempt to restore its credibility with moderate Arab countries after the debacle over disclosures of arms shipments to Iran.

● **JERUSALEM:** Mr Shimon Peres, the Israeli Foreign Minister, said yesterday that he regretted the American decision to abstain (Ian Murray writes). An American veto would have stopped the resolution.

He said this was the second time "over the last period" that the US had abstained on an issue involving Israel.

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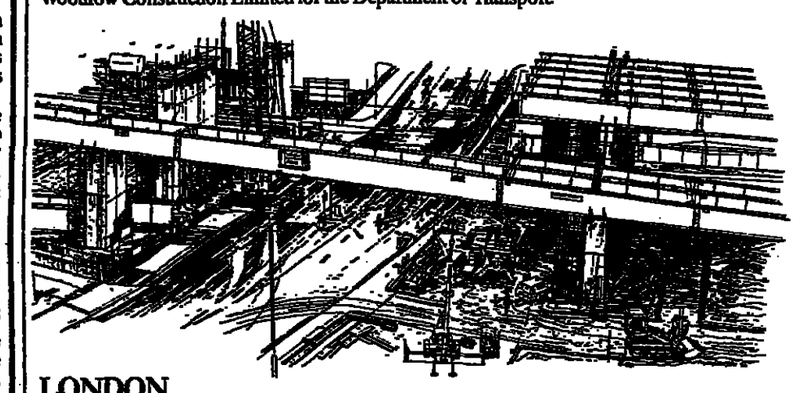

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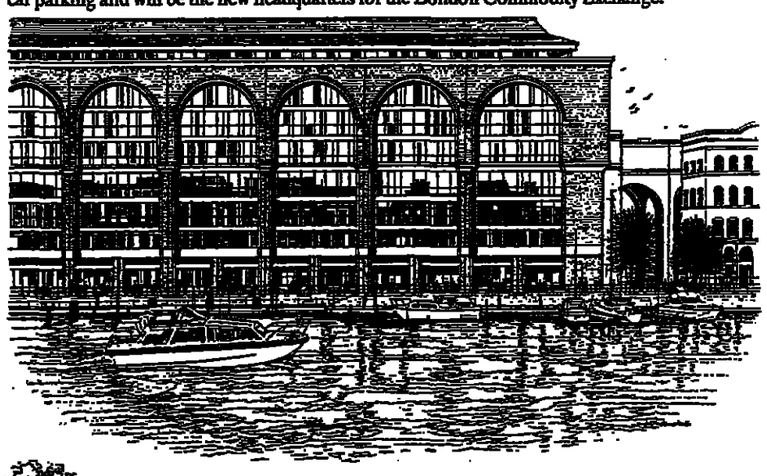

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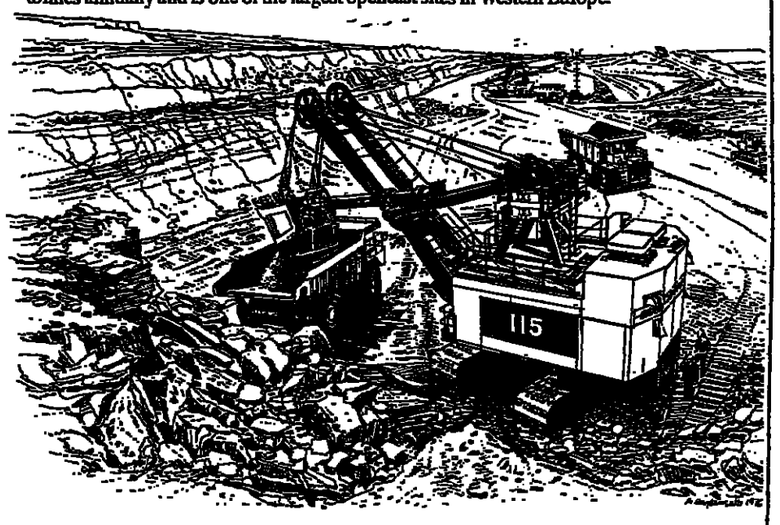

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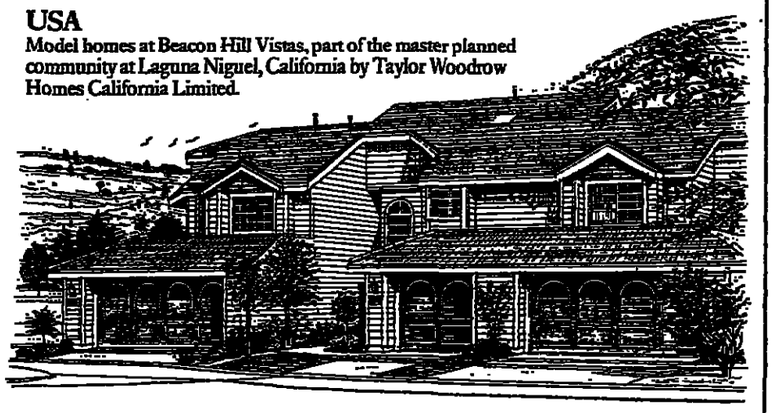

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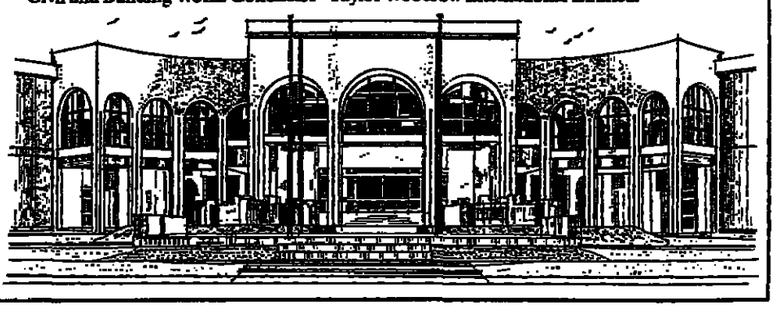

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The MI5 hearing: former spycatcher ends his testimony

Wright claims taking part in many illegal but deniable operations

From Stephen Taylor, Sydney

Mr Peter Wright said yesterday he had taken part in "tens, possible hundreds" of illegal operations during his employment by MI5, for which he might have been sent to prison if detected.

He did not give details of these "deniable operations" by the security service, which, he said, were secretly authorized but would have been publicly disowned.

But later, after completing his cross-examination in the MI5 book hearing, he responded bitterly at a news conference to accusations that in writing a book about his career as a counter-espionage officer he had betrayed Britain.

He described the attack on him by Mr Norman Tebbit, the Conservative Party chairman, as "absolute rubbish," and said his record, in war time and afterwards, would show he had done "far more for my country than most people".

He would like to visit Britain, he added, but could not while he was under threat of prosecution under the Official Secrets Act, which he said was "absosolutely outrageous".

"I would be arrested and put in jail," he said.

He had always made clear to Whitehall that he was willing to remove anything from his book which might damage national security.

The Thatcher Government was embarrassed, he said, because it had "made a mess" of the case.

The Prime Minister's referral of the matter to the Security Commission was pointless, Mr Wright added.

What was needed, and what he had been trying to get for years, was a judicial or parliamentary inquiry into his allegations of Soviet penetration of the British establishment.

Asked if he could name members of the establishment who were Soviet agents, Mr Wright's counsel, Mr Malcolm Turnbull, interjected: "He can not answer that."

Earlier, Mr Wright's relatively brief cross examination by Mr Theo Simos, QC, counsel for the British Government, came as something of an anti-climax.

After pointing out to Mr Wright one contradictory element in his testimony, the British side abandoned any form of interrogation, apparently to fall back on the claim that in writing his book he had breached the duty of confidentiality.

Mr Justice Powell refused to allow cross-examination on two points, including whether Mr Wright had had any assistance in writing his book. The judge said a ruling on this subject which he made during preliminary proceedings in August, and which had not then been contested by the Government, left no opportunity for further probing.

Mr Wright was also cross-examined on missing correspondence with Mr Chapman Pincher, the author and journalist. Some weeks ago Mr Wright gave a written answer about the whereabouts of the papers in which he said he believed they had been lost. It subsequently transpired that they had been in the possession of his former lawyers.

When Mr Simos asked whether Mr Wright had made any attempt to correct his original written answer, Mr Justice Powell said: "If the allegation is of some deficiency or misdemeanour, a far more severe allegation could be made against (the British Government)."

Mr Simos asked if, when he was providing information for Mr Pincher's book, *Their Trade is Treachery*, he had been "terrified" of possible punishment.

No, Mr Wright replied, he had not wanted to get into trouble, but he had not been terrified.

Mr Simos then directed him to a statement which he issued last week in which he described being introduced to Mr Pincher by Lord Rothschild, and said he had been "terrified of getting into trouble".

Mr Wright: "I can't say I do remember (that). I remember a statement being issued. I don't know what was in it."

Later Mr Turnbull asked if he had apprehended any possible risk in providing information to Mr Pincher.

Mr Wright: "Not really, I had tremendous faith in Lord Rothschild."

Mr Turnbull: "And if Lord Rothschild had disowned you?"

Mr Wright: "That would have been too bad."

Mr Turnbull: "Too bad for you?"

Mr Wright: "Yes."

Mr Wright: 'I have done far more for my country than most people.'

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14 die in ambush as anarchy grows in north Uganda

From A Correspondent, Nairobi

A disturbing picture of widespread anarchy is emerging from northern Uganda after the ambush of a large relief convoy returning from the southern Sudan last weekend.

Ten Kenyan drivers and at least four military escorts were killed by anti-government rebels.

Mr Rajinder Singh, the Kenya-based owner of some of the trucks, said yesterday that rebel guerrillas had returned to the ambush site and burned many of the vehicles stranded there which indicates that they are operating with impunity in the area east of the Nile.

Mr Singh said the escort provided by the Ugandan Army consisted of only a few teenage soldiers, and some were only about 10 years old. The Army seemed incapable of providing adequate protection for vehicles in northern Uganda, he said.

Meanwhile, some Kenya-based lorry drivers are now refusing to cross into Uganda. Vehicles bound for towns in northern Uganda and southern Sudan are blocking the two main crossing points from Kenya at Busia and Malaba.

Their drivers are demanding assurances from the Ugandan authorities that they will provide them with stronger military escorts in Uganda, especially on the hazardous route north-west into southern Sudan.

The 49-truck convoy which was attacked was returning from delivering relief supplies to Juba, the capital of southern Sudan, which has been under siege for months by the Sudanese People's Liberation Army (SPLA).

Juba has recently been unable to get relief supplies in by air because of the danger of aircraft being shot down by the SPLA and the alternative overland route through Kenya and Uganda now also seems blocked by rebel activity.

At a ceremony yesterday in Arua, in West Nile Province, 2,000 guerrillas of the Uganda National Rescue Front handed over their arms to the Uganda Minister of State for Defence, Mr Ronald Bata.

The men were led by Brigadier Moses Ali, who has just been appointed Minister for Tourism. He was Finance Minister in the regime of former ruler, Mr Idi Amin, during the 70s, but went into exile after Dr Milton Obote returned as president.

Brigadier Ali recently agreed to co-operate with President Museveni's Government and the merger of his Uganda National Rescue Front with the National Resistance Movement (NRA) is likely to lead to a large influx of Ugandans from Zaire and the Sudan back into the West Nile area.

● KAMPALA: Mr Robert Elangot, the Deputy Governor of the Central Bank of Uganda, has been arrested by the security forces and is being held in custody in the eastern town of Mbale, the official *New Vision* newspaper said yesterday (AFP reports).

Mr Elangot was picked up at his country home in the eastern town of Soroti on Sunday.

The bi-weekly said that security officials were investigating whether Mr Elangot may have been holding clandestine meetings against the Uganda Government along with Mr Ben Etonu, the former Deputy Minister for Housing and Urban Development under the Obote regime.

The newspaper also said that two soldiers were killed on the eastern Malaba-Kampala highway at an impromptu road-block mounted by an armed gang on Thursday night.

7 killed and 400 hurt in Bangladesh local polls

From Ahmed Fazl, Dhaka

At least seven people were killed and more than 400 wounded as armed clashes between government and opposition supporters wrecked voting on Monday in local council by-elections in 31 sub-districts in central and south-eastern Bangladesh.

Three polling officers were abducted at gunpoint by masked men who raided voting centres near the resort town of Cox's Bazar, about 240 miles from Dhaka.

Mr Chowdhury Masud, the Chief Election Commissioner, said the vote was "peaceful", but that violence stopped balloting in at least 30 centres.

Police opened fire in four sub-districts to prevent armed gangs snatching ballot boxes and three people died in shooting between supporters of rival candidates in districts in the south-east.

A man was axed to death in Gazipur district, in the capital's northern suburbs, and three other people, including a young boy, were killed.

Authorites said candidates of the ruling Jatiyo Party were leading in more than 25 constituencies as votes were being counted in the party-less election.

Sheikh Hasina Wazed, leader of the opposition Awami League, accused the Government of unleashing "terrorism" to gain control of all the local council offices.

"The Government has employed the same technique to win the election as they have done before," she said.

Jackson warns Nakasone

Blacks hold key to $210bn

From David Watts, Tokyo

Black Americans are a $210 billion (£150 billion) market that will be threatened if Japan does not become "sensitive to the frictions and agendas of the other nations and peoples of the world."

This warning came yesterday from the Rev Jesse Jackson who flew into Tokyo this week to tell the Prime Minister, Mr Yasuhiro Nakasone, and Japanese executives of the extent of the damage done by remarks in which the Prime Minister disparaged the intelligence levels of blacks, Mexicans and Hispanics and to criticize Japan's reluctance to cut back on its investments in South Africa.

Mr Jackson is also meeting representatives of Japanese minorities: Koreans, Burakumin outcasts and the Ainu.

"I am here to announce that we have enough intelligence to support those who support us," Mr Jackson said.

He told the Japanese that their country had not begun to face the realities of being a world power.

At a press conference yesterday Mr Jackson said there were high moral expectations of Japan as a country that had suffered under the atomic bomb and the effects of racial bigotry.

He said Hitachi had benefitted from IBM's withdrawal from the South African computer market and called on Japanese firms to move their operations to the frontline states, accusing Japan of not responding "to the moral challenge of disinvestment in South Africa or to the challenge for human rights from its minorities at home."

Mr Jackson said that when he met Mr Nakasone, the Prime Minister did not apologize to him personally for the racial slur but he added that his apology to Congress did not address the problem.

"In a real sense Mr Nakasone opened up an area of concern that will not go back in the box now," he said.

He said he had been "traumatized" by the sight of an identification card which all foreign residents of Japan must carry as well as hundreds of thousands of Koreans born in Japan.

"To see the same passbook used as in South Africa chilled me somewhat," he said.

ENTERTAINMENTS

CONCERTS

BARBICAN HALL 628 8795/638 8891. Ton't 7.45 THE ENGLISH CONCERT, Trevor Pinnock dir. Nancy Argenta sop. Lorna Anderson sop. Carolyn Watkinson mezzo-sop. Choir & Orchestra of The English Concert.

QUEEN ELIZABETH HALL 01-928 3191 CC 928 8800 Tonight 7.45pm LONDON MOZART PLAYERS Jane Glover Adrian Thompson. Mozart: Serenata notturna. K 239. Britten: Nocturne. Musgrave: Night Music. Haydn: Symphony No.8. (Le Soir).

OPERA & BALLET

COLISEUM S 836 3161 cc 240 5258 ENGLISH NATIONAL OPERA Ton't 7.00 Carmen. Tomor 7.30 Die Fledermaus.

ROYAL OPERA HOUSE 240 1066/1911. Stdby info 836 6903 S CC. Tickets £1-£22.50/£13.50 Mats (Ballet) £2-£40 (Opera). 65 amphi seats avail on the day. Ton't 7.00 THE ROYAL OPERA Samson. Tomor 7.30 THE ROYAL BALLET Young Apollo/ Beauty and the Beast/ Le Baiser de la fee. Ballet casting info: 01 240 9815.

SADLER'S WELLS 278 8916. First Call CC 24hr 7 day 240 7200. From Tomor. Eves 7.30. (Mats Fri & Sat 2.30) MENOTTI'S The Boy Who Grew Too Fast (British Premiere) & AMAHL & The Night Visitors. 01-278 0855 for Winter Opera info

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ADELPHI 836 7611 or 240 7913 /4 CC 741 9999/836 7358/379 6433 Grp Sales 930 6123 First Call 24hr 7 day CC 240 7200 (bkg fee) NOW BOOKING TO MAY 30 1987 ME AND MY GIRL THE LAMBETH WALK MUSICAL Nightly at 7.30 Mats Wed at 2.30 & Sat 4.30 & 8.00 Extra Boxing Day Perfs 4.30 & 8 "THE HAPPIEST SHOW IN TOWN" S Express

ALBERY 836 3878 cc 379 6565/ 379 6433/ 741 9999 Group Sales 836 3962. Eves 8pm LIMITED LONDON SEASON DAVE ALLEN LIVE "DEVASTATINGLY FUNNY" LBC

ALBERY 240 7999 cc 379 6565/ 379 6433/ 741 9999/ Grps 836 3962. 1.30 & 4.15 daily. For 3 wks frm 16 Dec. David Wood's THE OLD MAN OF LOCHNAGAR A Musical Play for children. From the book by HRH The Prince of Wales.

ALDWYCH 01 836 6404/0641 cc 01 379 6233. 01 741 9999 DOROTHY TUTIN SUSAN ENGEL HARRY TOWB STEVEN MACKINTOSH ROBERT GLENISTER in NEIL SIMON'S BRIGHTON BEACH MEMOIRS Directed by MICHAEL RUDMAN A National Theatre Production "Humour at its best, a rich and loving production" Daily Mail "A beautifully shaped family comedy" Times "It will run for a long time" Time Out Eves Mon - Fri 7.30 Mats Weds 3.0 Sats 5.00 & 8.30 First Call 24 hr 7 day cc 01 240 7200 (no bkg fee) Grp Sales 01 930 6123.

AMBASSADORS 01-836 6111 cc 836 1171. First Call (24 hrs/7 days) 240 7200 (bkg fee). Eves 7.30, Wed mat 3, Sat 4 & 8 Royal Shakespeare Company's LES LIAISONS DANGEREUSES Winner 4 "BEST PLAY" awards Lindsay Duncan "BEST ACTRESS" Olivier Awards '86

APOLLO THEATRE 437 2663 434 3598 First Call 01-240 7200 Ticketmaster cc 379 6433 Mon-Fri 8, Sat 4.30 & 8.15 Thurs Mats 3. Dec 24 mat only. No perf Dec 25. Dec 26 8pm perf only PAUL SCOFIELD Nominated Comedy Performance of the Year - Laurence Olivier Awards 1986 HOWARD ROLLINS "MAGNIFICENT" D.Mail I'M NOT RAPPAPORT "Wonderfully funny" D.Exp TONY AWARD BEST PLAY NOW BOOKING 1987

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BLOOMSBURY, Gordon St. WC1 387 9629 CC 380 1453. From Tue 16 Dec THE ADVENTURES OF MR TOAD, The Sparkling New Family Musical.

COMEDY THEATRE 930 2578 CC 240 7200/379 6433/741 9999 Grps 930 6123 "A superb acting partnership" Times JOHN ALDERTON GWEN TAYLOR SUSAN PENHALIGON THE MAINTENANCE MAN A Comedy by Richard Harris "A MARITAL MASTERPIECE ...WONDERFULLY FUNNY" N of the W "The applause of rapturous recognition" D Mail "Very funny indeed" S.Exp Mon-Thu 8 Fri/Sat 5.30 & 8.30

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COTTESLOE 'S' 928 2252 CC (National Theatre's small auditorium) Ton't, Mon, Tue 7.30 THE BAY AT NICE and WRECKED EGGS by David Hare. Tomor, Fri 7.30, Sat 2.30 & 7.30 THE MOTHER.

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THE ARTS

Suffering dressed up

About 40,000 children will die today. The same number died yesterday. The same will die tomorrow, of malnutrition, dehydration, measles and other preventable causes.

This outrage is what Unicef is out to stem, as well as the abuse of children in sweatshops, brothels, war. In presenting a marathon documentary to mark Unicef's 40th anniversary, Denis Tuohy invoked the spirit of Band Aid to stress that "No child should be the grief of its mother alone."

To us a Child **(Thames) was probably too long for its own good. Taking eight children round the world, from the garbage heaps of Bogota to the killing fields of Nicaragua, Tuohy told the same story over.**

TELEVISION

again, underpinning it with resistable statistics and Peter George's often beautiful camerawork – footage which seemed far too arty for the subject matter.

This lack of reality was compounded by an absence of passion and indignation in Tuohy's presentation. At times he might have been fronting an educational bulletin made by the Central *Office of Information*. We could also have done without Nigel Hess's inappropriately sentimental music.

Hess's composition's were to be found contaminating the first part of *All Passion Spent* (BBC2), a lavish adaptation of a middling novel by Vita Sackville-West (some critics would say the title too well describes the content).

Forsaking James Last as his muse in the Unicef celebration, Hess seems to have taken up the baton of Bert Kaemfert's grandfather for this 1930's tale of a distinguished widow who decides to live alone in Hamspstead.

Admittedly, there were some longueurs which needed filling in Peter Backman's ponderous dramatization. Nevertheless, beneath the over-melodious euphony, Wendy Hiller was immaculately mischievous as the bereft Lady Slane while Maurice Denham gave a nice rendering of Mr Bucktrout, an estate agent with imminent proofs of the end of the world.

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Mark Pepper

Wired for sound: Nigel Kennedy at home with his "Cathedral" Strad and electric violin on the floor

Fiddler on the hoof

Tonight the young pop and classical violinist Nigel Kennedy will play the Elgar Violin Concerto at the Festival Hall. Richard Morrison spoke to him about his mixed tastes in music

In his modest basement flat in Tufnell Park, north London, Britain's most celebrated young violinist displays some prized possessions. "That's the one you *can* leave lying around," says Nigel Kennedy of the electric violin at his feet, all "hooked up" to amplifier and pedal modulators and ready to hurtle Kennedy into some new-wave classic at the flick of a switch.

Handled with considerably more delicacy is his latest acquisition: the "Cathedral" Stradivarius, so called because of its rich, sonorous timbre. It is this instrument that Kennedy will coax through the Elgar Violin *Concerto at the Festival Hall tonight.*

He considers himself lucky to have it. "In Germany it's almost automatic that if you're into concertos some local council will buy you a good instrument, and in America there are foundations that help. Here it's very tough. I wrote to MPs – both parties; even all three, I was so desperate – but in the end it was a private individual, a real music-lover, who bought the Strad so I could use it."

The two contrasting instruments neatly symbolise the unique manner in which the Brighton-born Kennedy, now approaching 30, has juggled several musical careers simultaneously. So does his relationship with EMI: he has separate contracts with the pop and classical divisions. "The good thing about being contracted to a vast multinational is that there's usually someone there who understands what I'm about on any particular day."

Nevertheless, knowing how to market Kennedy's latest album must have taxed even EMI's corporate resourcefulness. One side is filled by Bartók's Solo-Violin Sonata, the other by Kennedy's own arrangement for violin and double bass (played by Alec Dankworth, son of John and Cleo) of numbers from Duke Ellington's *suite Black, Brown and Beige.* EMI's uncertainty about whether this constitutes a classical or popular release has resulted in the record bearing the memorable number "NIGEL 1".

Kennedy's version of Ellington is haunting, sparse and technically brilliant – but it is a long way from the big-band original. What prompted him to record it? "I was looking for a composer who had links with Bartók." (*Ellington made his first recording of BB&B* in the year of the Bartók's premiere, and both works could be said to be folk-derived.)

"Scaling Ellington down from the original was not so difficult. His melodies and harmonies are very strong, so even though I don't have those fantastic arrangements which are, like, amazing, I still had strong ideas to work off. And I was inspired by Ray Nance's really beautiful violin playing on the 1958 Ellington recording."

Kennedy made his first foray into the jazz field for Chandos Records: an album called "Strad Jazz". Unfortunately, the title misled many jazz buffs into expecting something in the mould of Grappelli, Kennedy's early jazz mentor. "A lot of people were disappointed because it didn't sound like Steph. You know it was called 'Strad Jazz'? Well, they thought that meant 'trad'."

His insistence on mixing his classical career with jazz and rock has disconcerted some in the music business, perhaps even more than his consciously cultivated "ordinary bloke" image, or his London-cabbie accent and his endearing faith *in the permanent usefulness of* early 1970s "hip" slang. He does not pretend to be leading any crusade against class or culture barriers hindering musical enjoyment; nevertheless, he thinks it is certainly "ealfy" that "people now, especially young people, are just into good music, rather than any particular category."

Any impression of Kennedy as a kind of talented dilettante, dabbling in whatever takes his fancy, is quickly dispelled by a glance at his working routine. He practises daily for a solid five hours, of which about 90 minutes is devoted to technical exercises alone (many of them evolved by himself). This maintains "a certain physical well-being on the instrument", and supports a concert schedule of around 120 engagements every year – or one public ordeal every three days.

He was, however, marked out and rigorously trained as a potential solo violinist from a tender age, and the prolonged attentions of a BBC TV documentary team ensured that his growing-up process was accomplished in highly public circumstances. He spent nearly ten years at one of Britain's "specialist music schools" (the Yehudi Menuhin School), and an equally intense three years at the Juilliard School in New York. Now he has mixed views on this sort of hothouse education.

"On the one hand, it might have stopped me being a really good pop musician by the time I was 20, because we simply didn't hear much pop. But the Menuhin School helped me develop very quickly as a classical *musician. When I went to the* Juilliard *I found that the guys who* had studied in Europe had more general appreciation of music than the Americans, who were much further ahead in the technical exploitation of their instruments." Was there one major thing Kennedy learnt from the "New York" style of violin-playing – from Stern, Perlman, Zukerman? "Yes. Those guys all have big ideas about music, *and they aim to put the big ideas first.* That's definitely rubbed off on me."

Stone dead, but lively as ever

THEATRE

Candida
King's Head

Candida is a good example of Shaw's mysterious capacity to write topical plays that somehow achieved lasting existence.

In 1897 he judged the time appropriate for a pre-Raphaelite comedy. He saw that religion was alive again "coming back even upon clergymen with such power that not even the Church of England itself could keep it out."

He also seized the moment for turning Ibsen's *A Doll's House* inside out and showing a husband in the role of a domestic pet. I do not see any of today's male feminists trying that one on; still less anyone getting the Christian Socialist bandwagon back on the road. Topically speaking, the play is stone dead; but the piece itself remains as lively as ever.

What can undermine it is to mistake it for an emotional drama. When this happens, *Candida* becomes a muscle-bound demonstration of moral one-upmanship between a pugilistic Christian, a fiery young poet, a Virgin mother, inset in a framework of comedy.

In Frank Hauser's beautifully judged production it is comic through and through. From the first sight of Karen McMullen's Prossy savagely licking her envelopes and Nicholas Amer's bleary old Burgess subsiding under an avalanche of pious rhetoric, it is clear that the supporting entertainment is in safe hands.

As for the central action, Hauser unfolds it with maximum clarity and contrast as a succession of unmasking games; by which Morrell first calls Burgess's bluff, only to be caught out himself by Marchbanks and then by Candida herself. The ifiterest of the early scenes before her arrival is so strong that you almost forget that it is her play.

David Rintoul's Morrell is everything she says about him in the last act. He looks like a splendid head boy, as much a sporting hero as crusading parson; overflowing with generous public emotion and ready to switch from indignation to open friendship on the smallest pretext. This is an excellent performance along orthodox lines.

The other two performances make a spectacular departure from Shavian stereotypes. The main shot comes from Rupert Graves's Marchbanks; a part so soaked in synthetic poeticism as to defeat most actors. Mr Graves, instead of trying to upgrade Marchbanks into Shelley, plays him as a callow, miserably shy weed, forever twisting his hands together, crumbling into little boy apologies, and stumbling over the furniture.

His poetry is supposed to sound dreadful. What turns him into an active theatrical presence is his understanding of the Morrell marriage. Despite his physical cowardice, some inner force compels him to keep blurting out home truths that make Morrell want to wring his neck. He does not wholly negotiate the stickier passages in the last act, but it is worth the price of a ticket simple to hear his anguished howl at the mention of a scrubbing-brush.

As the one character who escapes the unmasking process, Candida is prone to elevation into the untarnished ideal of her two menfolk. That is not Maureen O'Brien's approach. She may have the faculty of enabling her lovers to return to childhood, but she is also Burgess's daughter with strong echoes of his east London speech and sly eyes belying her humerous mouth. And when she reveals that it is she who deals with the tradesmen and refuses appeals for money, we know where she learnt how to run a household.

Irving Wardle

Sheila Burnett

Maureen O'Brien as Candida and David Rintoul as Morrell

Patience brings reward

OPERA

Samson
Covent Garden

This still may not be a production quite to bring the house down, but the sage elegance of Elijah Moshinsky's Handel is now more evident than, by all accounts, it was last year, when *Samson* was staged as the Royal Opera's tercentenary tribute.

You just have to be patient. The first act is sluggish, even in this considerably cut version, and the grand manoeuvres of architectural features begin to be wearisome, much as one might sympathize with Mr Moshinsky's wish to add movement.

But the second act begins to move more purposefully, not only in the encounter between Samson and Dalila, but also in the verbal duel between the Israelite and Philistine champions, each wheeled about on a trolley.

Then the third act, taking place behind great black doors, entirely justifies the decision to stage what Handel *wrote as an oratorio. Here is* the robust theatre of the feast to Dagon, seen taking place through the doors under tangerine light; here also are such telling moments as that where the messenger slips out to bring news of the catastrophe.

Originally the production was mounted around Jon Vickers. Robert Tear, appearing now, is of course a Samson of a very different sort: a much more natural Handelian, and highly musical in all he does, but not a magnificent, ruined victim. Shuffling about in chains and a grey overcoat, he looks more an Ivan Denisovich than a warrior for God, and his beautiful singing never quite makes up for an inevitable implausibility.

Bill Cooper

Robert Tear and Carol Vaness: a purposeful encounter

Carol Vaness repeats a Dalila of as much radiant pride as seductive allure. In her bearing and in her vocal demeanour she projects a believably 18th-century image of sensuality: an awareness of existing as an emblem.

Her echo quartet with the three virgins was ravishing in this perfectly mannered way, and it was good to hear more of her brilliant upper register in the opening song of the Philistine Woman, and at the end in "Let the bright seraphim".

Sarah Walker as Micah was a feeling comforter, although she had some trouble in negotiating the bottom of her voice. Gwynne Howell also sounded unusually strained as Manoah in the first act, although in the third he was firmly back on form, seeming only too young to be Samson's father. Donald McIntyre offers a swaggering portrait of the Philistine Harapha, and makes much of his words.

Not for the first time, the orchestra sounds less than happy under the brisk, crisp direction of an "early music" specialist, Roger Norrington. There are phrases that go with a romantic suavity, but much is as yet sketchy or poorly coordinated. The chorus, too, needs to live always at the level of its best strength.

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Long wait for laughs

Turkey Time
Bristol Old Vic

Stoatt's dining room in Duddwater-on-Sea we have been softened up, taken back to 1931, and now we should *like to laugh,* please.

The laughs are slow to emerge from the lace-thin muddle of two young men, hitched to the wrong young women, who occupy three shortish acts switching them around against a frieze of irate landladies baying for their rent and the over-familiar – and here under-used – battle-axe matron and battle-axed spouse.

It is a quaintly far-off world, a time when mugging meant kissing and a girl joyfully flicked a leg back when mugged.

In the first two acts the laughs are thinly spread, one of them comes with the arrival of Mrs Gather, the Irish landlady, whom Robert East greets with: "Who is all this?" Delivered as here, as though this impossible grammar was entirely sound and clear, it is a very funny line.

The third act offers rather more material for laughter. Earlier, the production showed inert gaps between the beginning and the end of moves, as if the cast had expected the space to be filled with the sound of an audience creasing itself.

The stern fact is that 50 years of comic education has left us hungry for longer scenes than the brief exchanges Travers gives us, impatient with the merely flippant, and irritated by unmotivated complication.

Jeremy Kingston

The very best of tradition

Die Fledermaus
Coliseum

In the early years of the century Mahler rebuked the Vienna State Opera, of which he was then director, with the remark "Tradition is slovenliness".

There is – thank heavens – still plenty of Viennese slovenliness left in the English National Opera's production of *Die Fledermaus.* A setting that holds on to the traditional period and style, as Strauss intended, has much to be said for it, however tiresome some of its comic business may become on repetition.

It is especially beneficial to the singers. While other recent operetta productions here have tended to trap the soloists in a concept for which they may have no sympathy, this one leaves them free to develop Strauss's characters within the right ambiance. There is even real champagne, courtesy of Moët and Chandon.

This year's vintage is above average. Valerie Masterson, singing Rosalinda here for the first time, is the epitomy of Viennese elegance. She looks lovely in the period costumes and those early years with the D'Oyly Carte have left her a well-practised comedienne with a quick feeling for comic timing.

Her only problem is the size of the house. The czardas, in particular, sounded vocally thin, as she tried to make up for the lack of well nourished tone by spitting out the consonants. Her husband Eisenstein is the baritone Alan Opie, apparently having no troubles with the high tessitura.

The rest is much as before. Lillian Watson and Christopher Booth-Jones make a sparkling, engaging couple as Adele and Dr Falke, though her high D's sounded a bit raw. Fiona Kimm is the one Orlovsky and Eric Shilling the regimental prison governor. The prison scene was not funny, but at least it is shorter than usual.

The conductor, Herbert Prikopa, milks the music affectionately for every drop of its sentiment, but stage and orchestra were all over the place in matters of ensemble. Viennese slovenliness in this department is not welcome.

Richard Fairman

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A touch too chilling

RECITAL

Siegfried Jerusalem
Wigmore Hall

Siegfried Jerusalem's *Winterreise* may well go down in history as the longest, coldest, weariest journey in London's mildest winter. For two hours the chill set in: tempi slow enough to make even the deepest of *bassi profondi* quake; a trance-like distancing of the voice from anything which might approach word-painting; and a numb, frozen deliberation in the frost-bitten fingers of his accompanist, Siegfried Mauser.

There is little doubt that Schubert's cycle was imagined for the baritone voice. The very *tinta* of a tenor, however, can bring a strange, wan light to the work: think of Patzak and Pears; think, more recently, of Schreier.

Jerusalem was sensitive enough to the colour of his own tenor, exploiting it in the lightly-scented legato of his "Lindenbaum", placing high in the head the howl of "Wasserflut's" last, agonized "Haus", and making the most of the narrow, rising phrases of the penultimate song's vision of the three ghostly suns.

But Jerusalem's is an heroic tenor, too, and this rare quality made all too little mark on the cycle. However weary this traveller, he is perpetually "Ohne ruh, und suche ruh" – "Without rest, seeking rest" – and it was this sense of torment, of feverishly renewed then wasted energy, that was lacking in Mr Jerusalem's dream-like performance.

It is vital to the work's structure: the centrally placed "Die Post" simply cannot be delivered as second-class mail, and the last lines of "Im Dorfe" should be clue enough to propel rather than jerk the voice forward into "Der stürmische Morgen".

The performance was not without its moments of intensity. But the voice was only fitfully able to sustain them. The constricted top is increasingly problematic, and the piano's viewpoint was often idiosyncratic and myopic.

Jerusalem and Mauser were not unroubled: the incessant whooshing of noisily turned translation sheets, and a door haunted, it seemed, by its own creaking will o' the wisp, were obvious distractions.

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Behind the closed frontiers of fear

PRISONERS OF CONSCIENCE

On International Human Rights Day, Caroline Moorehead reports from the Soviet Union on the Jews who face jail and torture for trying to leave the country

As the fourth meeting to review the Helsinki Final Act – which in 1975 laid down, among other things, conditions for emigration from the USSR – continues this month in Vienna, the predicament of the refuseniks, the Jews who have applied to leave the country and been refused, remains appalling.

Twenty-six are in prisons or labour camps; 25 more have served sentences on meaningless charges of "slander" or "malicious hooliganism". Some 10,000 others, suffering various degrees of persecution, wait. Though there has been no arrest in Moscow since February, a young computer mechanic called Albert Burshtein was sentenced last month in Leningrad to 15 days for "interfering with the police and refusing to obey them". He had been caught phoning America from a post office. During the beating up that went with his arrest, police concentrated on his legs because he has a painful bone condition.

It is not difficult to meet the refuseniks, but it is sometimes unnerving, for imminent trouble encircles them. Though talking to westerners is not encouraged for ordinary people, those who have applied to leave no longer have anything to lose. Visitors represent attention and therefore hope: those who are rarely contacted worry that they are being forgotten. It is a closed, intense, paranoid world.

In 1979, four years after the Helsinki agreement was signed, the doors appeared to open wide for people who wished to emigrate. That year, 51,000 Jews received exit visas, as did many hundreds of Soviet Germans, Baptists, Armenians and Pentacostalists. But then, just as suddenly, the numbers fell. In 1980, Jewish visas dropped to 21,500, and in the first nine months of this year to only 631.

In place of possible freedom came an extraordinary campaign of vilification. A wish to leave became a mark of treason. "Slander" and "anti-Soviet propaganda" were made reasons for arrest. The people most harassed among the Jews have been the teachers of Hebrew, among whom there are many stories of tragedy.

Yuri Kosharovsky is a wry, neat man with a trim beard and large spectacles, a radio electronics engineer with four children. Seventeen years ago he applied to leave, but was turned down for having once had access to "classified documents". Kosharovsky's real difficulties began only when he started giving Hebrew lessons. He lost his job in a shop, to which he had been reduced the moment he filed his application; then came intermittent employment as a sweeper, cleaner and watchman.

Soon house searches began, then interrogations and repeated short spells in detention. His son Mikhail was called a "dirty Jew" at school; he was beaten up; his wife was threatened; then his students. Four years ago, he gave up: the threats had become too intense.

Kosharovsky has not been sent to labour camp: other Hebrew teachers, on less provocation, have. Sasha Kholmiansky is a slight, serious young man with a soft brown beard. He is one of the refuseniks' more recent releases from Siberia. In appearance seemingly too fragile to have endured so much, he tells how he was arrested while on a Bible-reading holiday in Estonia, how his flat was searched and drugs and a gun planted, how he went on a five-month hunger strike, continuously force-fed after the first 17 days, and how he spent seven days in a punishment cell wearing only underpants, so cold that he would have died had he not kept moving.

He tells his story dispassionately, without the vehemence of Natasha Magarik, a frantic, agonizingly thin woman, wife of Alexey, a cellist and Hebrew teacher now in a "special regime" camp in Orinsk. Alexey, too, was arrested carrying drugs, which had been planted in a suitcase. In October, Natasha visited her husband. She found him injured, his lips split open, his body bruised from two weeks in the camp's Block 16, filled with men considered "uncorrectable". He had been raped many times.

A wish to leave became a mark of treason

If arrests are designed to intimidate, they do so effectively. There is something so random about the persecution, so sudden, that those who live "in refusal" remain ever alert. The women look strikingly tired, but it is the children and the teenagers who seem to suffer most, their faces pinched and wan.

Even for those not arrested, intimidation is persistent and pervasive. From the moment the application for an exit visa is made – a long elaborate ritual, involving many permits and signatures – the entire family sinks into a limbo. The low level anti-semitism that has marked much of Soviet life for so long becomes more overt.

The first year "in refusal" is, they say, the worst. After that comes a strange and heady sense of liberation: some friends drift away, but new ones, fellow refuseniks, turn into close companions. "At last it becomes possible to behave with dignity", explains Mischa Kholmiansky, Sasha's brother. "You have nothing to lose. Spiritually, morally, you become stronger."

Attention at the moment is focused on a new law, due to come into force next month when, for the first time, precise requirements for emigration are to be spelt out. In appearance this law is more restrictive than anything before: only immediate family ties are to be considered reasons for emigration. But then there are other clauses, murkily expressed, other "valid and satisfactory reasons". The refuseniks gather, question, wonder. Will it be better or worse? What does it mean?

'We believe that only the West can save us'

"We are all big lawyers now", says Alex Joffe, a central figure among refuseniks in Moscow.

What is most poignant, among the refuseniks, is the feeling of confusion. Will it do more or less good to re-apply? Is it better to be conciliatory or outspoken? There are no rules.

No one is even quite certain how many refuseniks there are left, nor how many others would apply were the doors to open again. Of the 670,000 invitations sent over the last 15 years by 250,000 became successful final applications. Some 350,000 to 400,000 never followed up their initial enquiries. Among the 10,000 thought to live in the greyness of repeated refusal, there are perhaps 1,000 "active" in Moscow, another 800 in Leningrad.

There is, though, one thing on which all agree: that without the interest of the West their case would be entirely lost. Nadezhda Fradkova, a mathematical linguist who applied to go to Israel, has since suffered eight years of persecution. She has just returned from two years in a labour camp. However, but for Western interest in her case, she is sure that she would still be there, victim of what is known as the "Andropov law": Article 1833, which allows camp commandants to extend prisoners' sentences without a fresh trial.

Each one to whom I spoke made the request – politely, trying hard not to sound insistent – that their particular name, their particular story, be publicized. "We may be wrong, but we believe that only you in the West can save us", Galina Zelichenok said. For some of the refuseniks, driven to the very edge of despair, it is hard to see what else is left.

In waiting: (from left) Oksana Kholmiansky, Yuri Kosharovsky, Alex Joffe and Mischa Kholmiansky

Sharansky's new shades of grey

He is growing fat and he has altered his name, but his mind is as lean and hungry as ever and Natan Sharansky (right), is battling for human rights as fiercely as when he captured world attention from his Soviet prison cell under the name of Anatoly Shcharansky. Today he is in Washington to commemorate International Human Rights Day alongside President Reagan; a year ago he marked the day by going on hunger strike alongside his fellow prisoners, and he can scarcely credit how much has happened to him in between.

"The difference is so fantastic you can't believe", he says in his Jerusalem office. "It is so many lives away."

Each morning he tries to turn his mind back, struggling to remember, for his memoirs, his 12 years in prison. He has found it can take four or five hours to recall the atmosphere of those years so that he can write about them. The daily diversions are many and, since his baby daughter Rachel arrived last month, he has found he no longer knows when the nights end and the days begin.

He is happily dissatisfied. His daughter interrupts his sleep and his wife, Avital, tries to impose a diet. "I enjoy every day and every hour living here in freedom. But life is much more complicated and in some sense more difficult than in prison. In prison everything is black and white and you only have to keep a distance between yourself and the KGB. Here it is necessary to live with the grey."

He was caught in the grey area last month when he agreed to meet an Arab journalist to talk about human rights and found himself with Faisal Husseini, a known supporter of the Palestine Liberation Organization. Furious at a published story claiming he had agreed to help the PLO, he paid for large newspaper advertisements to say: "The barbarous methods of this organization of cut-throats violate every human standard."

In the same terms as the Israeli government he rejects the PLO as "supporters of terror" ready to kill any moderate Palestinian who wants to open a dialogue. There is, he says, no lack of a desire in Israel to talk but a lack of anyone to talk to. "People must find ways of talking to one another so that we can live together," he says, without knowing what those ways might be.

The contradictions of living in a democracy puzzle him. "Freedom of expression is something that is very surprising. In the Soviet Union the right to be able to criticize the state is the acme you strive for. Here criticism of the government is the most cheap thing. It is much more difficult to criticize your friend than the government."

In Washington he wants to mobilize an army of critics against new Soviet emigration rules which come into force in the New Year. They have been introduced, he says, to create the impression that there is a more liberal regime ready to help emigration. In reality he insists it will make Jewish emigration "practically impossible".

His own criticism of the Israeli government is that it has failed to take a lead in putting pressure on the Soviet Union. "Quiet diplomacy only helps to undermine our struggle. There can be no improvement in relations without solving the problem of Soviet Jewry."

Natan believes there is an urgency. Things have got worse in the Soviet gulags since he was freed last February, he says. There has been a clampdown on those who might have been encouraged by his release, with greater isolation and more people under arrest – only a relatively small number are Jews, he estimates.

By his calculation there are now some five million people in labour camps with another two million awaiting trial and six million "half slaves" forced to work in dangerous factories or on construction sites.

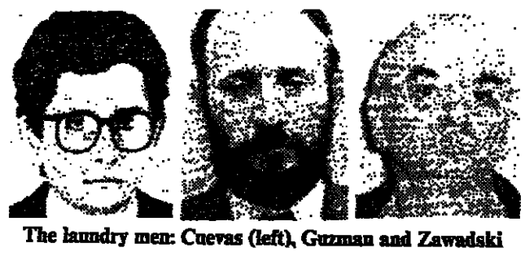
The Soviet Union of Mr Gorbachov, he says, is already tougher than the one he knew, but the new Soviet leader is so talented at using the western media that he has succeeded in creating the opposite impression.

Ian Murray

- **At noon today protesters will gather outside the Aeroflot offices in London to complain about a new law making emigration from the Soviet Union yet harder and about Soviet gross violations of the Helsinki Accord.**
- **Also today, there will be protest meetings, organized by friends of the refuseniks, the Jews who have been refused permission to leave, in all major cities in Britain and the United States.**
- **There are to be rallies, speeches, petitions, a protest to the Foreign Office in London, an attempt to present letters of protest to Gorbachov in Moscow.**
- **Tania Zunshein, wife of a refusenik serving a three-year sentence in Bazoi in Eastern Siberia, has telephoned friends in the West with the words: "Today the voices of people in the free world are just a whisper. Why are they not shouting for us?"**

Taking dirty money to the cleaners

A British customs man has helped break a money laundering scandal that has brought to book a racketeer



The laundry men: Cuevas (left), Guzman and Zawadski

Money is one of the occupational hazards of being a successful drug trafficker in the United States. Under American law, banks have to notify the authorities of any cash deposit over $10,000 yet drug dealing generates an estimated $50 to $60 billion every year.

It is a problem men like Oscar Cuevas had a solution for. They offered their fiduciary skills for a percentage of the money they handled.

And the scheme only foundered because of the suspicions and investigatory skills of a British customs officer *(see below)*.

Cuevas, aged 34, is one of the sons of a Bogota lawyer. The Cuevas family business, which is long established, is described as "money exchanging". It has made them wealthy and influential in the area around the Colombian town of Cali.

Early in the 1980s, some members of the Cuevas family opened up in business as contractors for the Colombian gangs dominating the expanding cocaine trade to the United States. If Cuevas is to be believed, he brought special qualities to the task as a trained economist with a thesis on South American agriculture to his credit.

The money gets cleaner as it gets further from its source; shuttled through a network of accounts, it can eventually be returned to anonymous accounts belonging to its owners back in the country of origin.

The Cuevas network, run by Oscar and his brother, Eduardo, offered to handle the whole operation from start to finish in return for between 5 per cent and 9 per cent of the cash in transit. They serviced cocaine traffickers in Miami and Los Angeles.

Eventually their system included 36 "shell" companies and 49 bank accounts. Some of the companies led back to Bogota, where Castela Limitada, which had the telex answer back call sign "Cashco", sat like a Queen Bee.

Simplicity was they key. Money went by a freight subsidiary of the Delta Krool group from Miami to Swiss bank accounts, travelling in sealed envelopes as high-security documents transported, unwittingly, by Brinks, the American security firm.

In 1983, one of the envelopes was opened by Swiss authorities so the Colombians switched to couriers and the destination switched from Switzerland to London.

Cuevas and his brother spent a lot of time in London processing the money. Oscar Cuevas did well from his work, taking a £500 a week flat in Eaton Square or staying at the Grosvenor House.

The money began its journey in Los Angeles where the network employed Ernesto Zawadski, an expatriate Colombian in his fifties, as warehouseman. Dealers or traffickers would give their money to him.

Zawadski would count the money with special money counting machines and pack the cash in air mail envelopes, which he stored in a spare apartment near his home. The money would be flown to London in a suitcase carried by one of the network's nine couriers.

Each of them would be given the special government forms which have to be filled in and presented when money over $10,000 is taken out of the United States. If the courier was stopped on his way out he could produce the form and claim he was acting legitimately, but had simply overlooked passing on the form.

As soon as the courier had left, Zawadski telephoned London to give the time of arrival for the flight. Once it had landed, Cuevas began the next task of funnelling the money through the banking system.

He paid the cash into a branch of Citibank in the Strand. From there it was wired back to American accounts. Citibank staff became familiar with Cuevas who appeared two or three times a week just before closing time.

But the bank became worried by the trading pattern, suspecting they were being used to provide a "wash account". They closed the Cuevas account.

Although they were suspicious, banking law on client privacy prevented them going to the police. Cuevas moved to a branch of the American Express Bank in Grosvenor Square. Money from that account passed to a second account at the Republic National Bank of New York, which was used to wire the cash on in to nominee accounts.

It seemed perfect, but thanks to a British customs man called Bob Snuggs it was all to coming crashing down.

Stewart Tendler

HOW A CUSTOMS MAN CLOSED THE LAUNDRY

Bob Snuggs is the customs man whose alertness led to the collapse of the dirty money operation. Patient work and a lucky break was to show that such networks can be unravelled.

In the autumn of 1984 he stopped a Columbian called **Carlos Guzman**, who was carrying $300,000 and apparently worked for a firm called International Business and Trade Inc. Guzman was **Oscar Cuevas's** main courier.

Customs were running an exercise aimed at halting Colombian cocaine smugglers from Florida.

Guzman was allowed to go but Snuggs suspected he had stumbled on cocaine money. The Colombian had begun his journey in Bogota and stopped over in Miami. A few months before, another Colombian, working for the same company, had been stopped at Heathrow. He was carrying $170,000.

The US Customs were alerted. Guzman was arrested at Los Angeles airport, along with **Ernesto Zawadski**, the network's warehouseman.

Alerted in London that something was wrong, Oscar Cuevas and his brother had flown by Concorde to New York and caught a flight to Los Angeles, which they reached before the agents could get warrants to search Zawadski's apartment, where they eventually discovered $1.083 million stacked in cupboards ready to travel.

Zawadski's records took agents to another courier whose travel details led Snuggs to a man called Gomez living in Eaton Square. By the time the customs man arrived, Gomez – also known as Oscar Cuevas – had fled, but Snuggs found connections to the Citibank operation.

Cuevas was now flitting in and out of London operating from a second London flat, still trying to operate. But a third courier was stopped in London. Cuevas flew to Switzerland to empty his accounts and the police were waiting.

The Americans had cracked codes in Zawadski's records which showed the existence of Swiss accounts. The Swiss authorities traced and froze them. Cuevas arrived in Geneva, unaware of this, to draw money. Refused cash, he travelled to his Zurich bank to find out why and was held.

In all, $3 million was recovered – but the customs officers know $25 million moved through the system in five months in 1984. The search is still going on along the many conduits.

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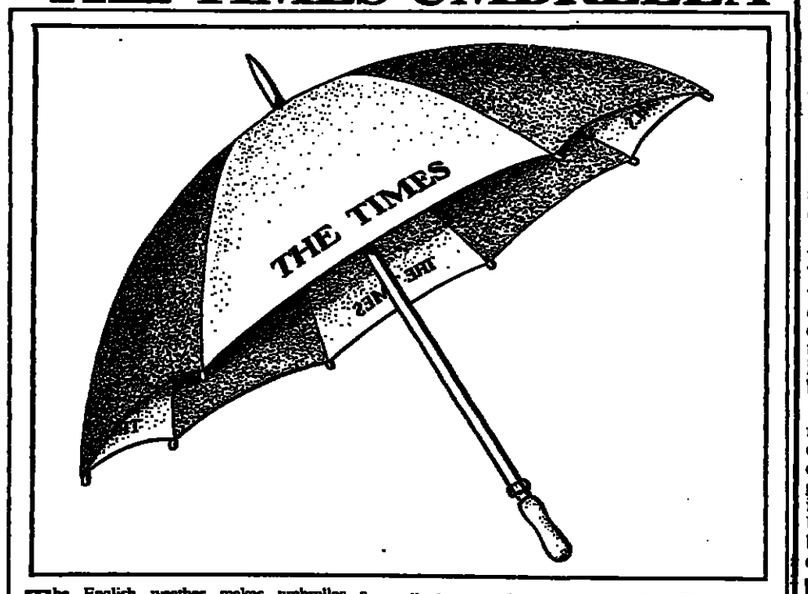

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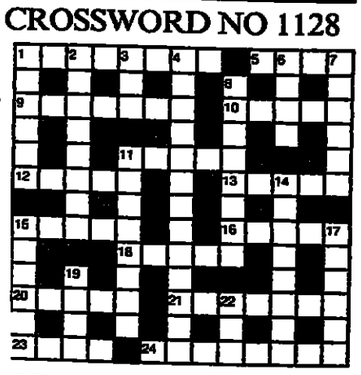

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WEDNESDAY PAGE

Empress of all she surveys

Starting a business is one thing, building an empire is another. Sally Brompton met three women who thought big and made it big

Maureen Foers decided to start up her own business after she was fired from her job as managing executive of an employment agency for being "too ambitious". Her aunts lent her £500, she rented an office in Hull for £200 a quarter and hired someone to help her two mornings a week.

Fifteen years on, her company is the largest private commercial training organization in the country, incorporating four different enterprises, with an annual turnover of more than £250,000.

The fact that she *was* ambitious, as well as possessing the necessary energy and experience, earmarked 47-year-old Foers for success. It was, however, her ability to diversify which enabled her to excel. For Foers belongs to a rare breed of women who have the courage to utilize their skills in more than a single direction and who, by so doing, create not just a business but an empire.

They thrive, these empresses, on a cross-section of challenges without losing touch with their original base. Their empires can be large or small; what counts is the fact that they have the nerve to indulge their imaginations and the skill to come out on top.

Maureen Foers's resourcefulness led her from one bright idea to the next. "Having opened the staff bureau, I found I had more jobs than people, so I decided that if I couldn't find the person to fit the job I'd create the person", she says. She re-trained, for nothing, women who had quit their careers and then found them work afterwards. She then discovered that while some companies wanted work done only occasionally, there were women who wanted to work just a few hours a day; so by employing them *herself* on a temporary basis she was able to offer organizations a complete office service ranging from typing and book-keeping to photocopying and taking telephone messages.

Then she decided to go into the direct mail business, providing specialist facilities for bulk mail, direct mail, direct mail advertising and sending out companies' marketing literature.

At this stage, she had another idea. "I was under the impression that there was a big need for creches and if I wanted people to be able to work for me or my clients I ought to make provision for young children." She bought a former children's nursery and reopened it as a creche catering for around 30 toddlers. To her surprise the vast majority of people who used it were not working mothers, but simply parents who wanted to pursue their social lives or have a rest from their young off-spring.

Foers's empire blossomed — based primarily on her employment agency — until the mid-seventies, when the economic depression meant there were no jobs in the north. "The bottom totally fell out of my staff bureau", she recalls, "but because people were cutting back on their staff, my office services and mailing services started to develop quite considerably." Even so, she had a "horrendous" two years — "but if you can survive that sort of a crisis you can go on forever".

All of a sudden the training side of her business took off, because with so few jobs around, only well-qualified applicants had a chance. So she started charging to train people, but now does her utmost to find them a job free subsequently.

Looking at her career objectively she says: "I should probably have concentrated on one thing, but if I had I wouldn't still be around. I'm certain about that. It's very rare that all four of my enterprises are crippled at the same time. At least two, if not three, are always very healthy."

Sylvia Holder laid the foundations of her empire in the tiny spare bedroom of her North London flat. She was 37, with an impressive track record in public relations in Britain, Hong Kong and South Africa, *but admits she was daunted* at the prospect of starting up in business on her own in London.

She and her partner each invested £250 in the company and began writing letters to everyone they could think of. "Even though I was nervous I was still fairly arrogant about it", recalls Holder, now 47. "It never really occurred to me that we might have to sit there twiddling our thumbs."

Their first PR account, a leading Chelsea restaurant, came from answering a classified advertisement in *The Times*. A Mayfair hairdresser and Trusthouse Forte followed. "I suppose a lot of it was simply having the confidence", recalls Holder. "We were extremely lucky but didn't realise it."

Her partner left after having a baby and Holder joined forces with Lindsay Swan, with whom she had worked in South Africa. "We never wanted a Mayfair-type of success with a big staff", says Holder, "but it mattered very much that Holder Swan succeeded — and that we succeeded by doing the kind of work we enjoy, which is basically travel PR."

They moved to an office in north west London which had a leaking roof but enough space to employ a secretary — which gave them the idea of starting up an answering service. "We really didn't have enough work to keep a secretary occupied full-time, and as we could never leave the office unattended it occurred to us that we might as well take other people's calls at the same time," says Holder. "It did seem a bit like money for old rope."

They advertised the service in Yellow Pages and "business blossomed — not enough to keep us going on its own, but we didn't want it to become too large". Today the service has around 50 clients who pay an average subscription of £18 a month.

Spurred on by the simplicity and success of the answering service, they decided to buy a sandwich bar. They paid £7,000 for the five-year lease on a sandwich bar off Fleet Street. "We decided to make it a bit more upmarket with decent bread, home-made soup and good meals," says Swan, aged 33.

Within weeks turnover trebled, but then they began having problems with the people who were managing it. "It soon dawned on us that you have to be there yourself to run something like that properly", says Holder. "We still regarded PR as our priority but we were spending every weekend making soup.

"I remember once we got a call from the sandwich bar manager who had cut his arm and wanted us to rush down there just as we were about to run a press conference for a major client. Things like that happened all the time and PR always won."

After two years they decided they had had enough and sold the bar for more than twice the sum they had originally paid for it. "Overall we lost about £1,500 on the entire episode," says Swan. "It taught us that you run your own show — which is what we do in PR."

By now their PR business was flourishing, concentrated mainly around the travel industry. Their accounts included the English Tourist Board, a safari tour operator, a consortium of South Coast seaside resorts and the Chichester Theatre.

Even so, the temptation to extend their talents remained, and since they already had the necessary infrastructure they decided to start a humorous greetings card company producing initially over 100,000 cards, which they sold through agents assisted by their own publicity. With their empire expanding they began a weekly publication called *Travel Communiqué*, charging other travel PRs a fee to insert their clients' press releases, and then sending it to Britain's top 500 travel writers.

While public relations, which now brings them a turnover of £100,000 a year, remains their first love, Holder admits: "I suppose I've always had this insatiable appetite to flirt with something else although Lindsay is more cautious. What matters to us more than anything is that we're doing things we enjoy — and that goes for the type of PR account we handle, too. The great thing about being on your own is that you can choose."

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Ros Drinkwater

Sweet smiles of success: Sylvia Holder (left) and Lindsay Swan, empire builders in PR and sandwiches

Whose fight is it, anyway?

Violence between spouses, says Barbara Amiel, is a problem for them to resolve

Perhaps I am alone in this, but I couldn't help feeling some empathy with the silly spectacle Mr and Mrs Shilton made of themselves recently. There but for the grace of being a sound sleeper, I thought, go I.

It seems that Mr Peter Shilton, the 37-year-old Southampton goalkeeper who has also captained England, awarded himself a late night out after his team finally managed a first division win. His early morning return was not greeted enthusiastically by his wife, Sue, and after an exchange which may have involved some physical blows, Mrs Shilton made a 999 call and Mr Shilton spent a few hours in the local police cells.

Come morning, when Mrs Shilton might have been expected to lay assault charges, she was repentant. "I did not understand the implications of my actions", she is reported to have said. "I regret them now." The police sent the goalkeeper home, and he was later photographed snuggling up to his wife: "There was an incident — I'm not denying that", the tabloids had Shilton confessing, "but my wife and I are very happy together."

For my money, whatever domestic violence took place between the Shiltons is their own business. The fact that they called in the police and spent some of my tax pounds having an enforced cooling off period is unfortunate, but at least the state acted in a reasonably benign role. Of course, there is a different sort of domestic violence far uglier, frightening, and systematic which requires a more serious response from society. The problem is that some of the new initiatives now being proposed to deal with it may create more problems than they solve.

I have always felt that one of the great myths of our time is that modern society is indifferent to domestic violence. It is true that long ago women were regarded as chattels; but violence against one's spouse was only condoned in times when defacing Westminster Abbey or consorting with gypsies was punishable by a penalty close to death. Today the shockingly light punishments for spousal assault are often simply another example of the permissive sentencing attitudes that have affected all crimes in the past 20 or 30 years.

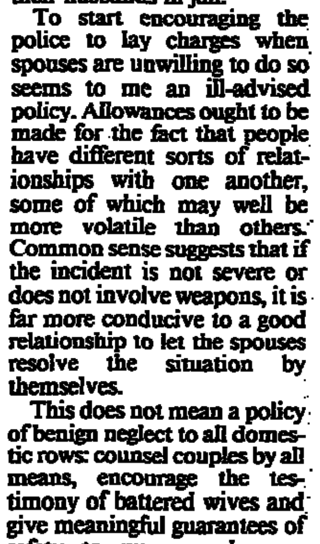
Some people believe that the solution to ending violence between married couples was to make it legal for husbands and wives to testify against each other in court and so, in 1984, spouses were made compellable witnesses.

For many of us, this was a truly black moment both in the development of British jurisprudence and in the integrity of the family. For hundreds of years, society had valued the strength of the family unit to such an extent that it was felt better a man go innocent of high treason — never mind socking his wife — rather than be convicted on his spouse's testimony. But in fact, most spouses who do not want to testify against their husbands still do not; they go into the witness box as hostile witnesses, revealing as little as they possibly can.

This being so, the emphasis in obtaining domestic violence convictions has now shifted to the police. In the past, the police have been allowed great discretion in charging spouses with assault. It was this discretionary factor that saved Mr Shilton's neck. Now there is a movement afoot to put the onus on the police to lay charges regardless of whether or not spouses change their minds after the black eye subsides.

Whether this is effective or not is anyone's guess. The Americans say that cases of domestic violence are reduced now that the police are readier to lay charges, but this may be because fewer people call the police when they need help in cooling down a situation.

Paula Youens



Not many wives want to see their husbands in jail.

To start encouraging the police to lay charges when spouses are unwilling to do so seems to me an ill-advised policy. Allowances ought to be made for the fact that people have different sorts of relationships with one another, some of which may well be more volatile than others. Common sense suggests that if the incident is not severe or does not involve weapons, it is far more conducive to a good relationship to let the spouses resolve the situation by themselves.

This does not mean a policy of benign neglect to all domestic rows: counsel couples by all means, encourage the testimony of battered wives and give meaningful guarantees of safety to women who are really scared of their husbands. But an arms-length attitude to the complexities of the human heart, as the Shiltons would probably agree, is eminently sensible.

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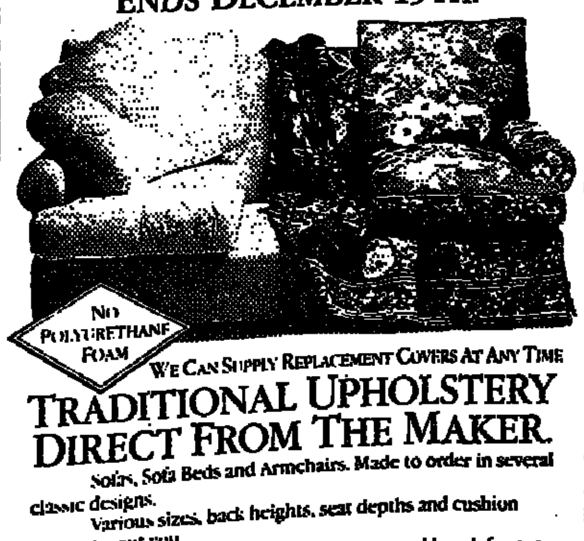

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A round-up of news, views and information

Twinning ways

Multiple births are more common now than ever before, thanks to fertility drugs and test-tube techniques. But while twins may spell twice the happiness for a new mother, they can also be double the trouble; two babies need extra equipment, clothing and often the enlistment of paid help to assist an overworked mum. The Twins and Multiple Births Association exists to give support and encouragement to those harassed parents, as well as to promote understanding within the medical profession of the problems of multiple births. The association can be contacted c/o Mrs Dee Hoseason, 54 Broad Lane, Hampton, Middx TW12 3BG.

Tycoon tips

"Most housewives are very good cooks, very good at sewing, very good at knitting and at amusing children — all these things are in short supply in Britain and can be put into a business if only you think about it." That is the view of Patricia Grant, who put her own homely skills to good use by setting up a freezer business. Her company, Norfrost Freezers, had a turnover of £5.9 million in 1985 and she employs 120 people.

Her skills have made her a female tycoon, and an insight into how she has made it to the top in business is to be found in a book published this week called, aptly, *Female Tycoons* (Rosters, £4.95). Author Rosemary Burr has interviewed Anita Broddick, Prue Leith, Patricia Grant and nine others in an attempt to unearth *what makes* successful businesswomen tick, and there is ample advice for the ambitious on how to join them.

Quote me . . .

"Denis can say many of the things I could not possibly say. I sometimes roar with laughter when I hear his views coming out into the open. It's terrific, because they are the views so many people have and I think that, while I have to be a bit more circumspect as Prime Minister, thank goodness someone has expressed them" — Margaret Thatcher.

French polish

French skincare experts Lancôme have added luxury hair care to their comprehensive range of body products. The Fluance line, which costs from £6.75 to £12.50, includes two shampoos, a Satin Milky Conditioner, and the highlight of the range, Creme Substantielle, an effective revitalizing conditioning treatment.

Staying put

The appeal of foreign travel has become slightly tarnished in the face of sliding exchange rates — so don't overlook home attractions. The British Tourist Authority has just published its annual recommendations of country hotels, restaurants and guesthouses in the *1987 Commended Guide*; find it at bookshops, or by post from the Finance Department, BTA, Thames Tower, London W6 9EL (£4.50 including p&p).

Quick cooks

Arthritis can easily turn the joy of cooking into a nightmare. The charity Arthritis Care has compiled a cookbook of practical, quick recipes — mainly tasty combinations of convenience foods. Priced £2.95, available from W H Smith and other leading newsagents, its simplicity is ideal for anyone with a long-term disability — and the clever easel design means it stands up for easy reading.

Josephine Fairley

FRIDAY
The mothers who are giving birth to death

TALKBACK

From Christina McLellan, Muswell Hill, London.

Unlike Barbara Amiel (Wednesday Page, November 19), I am a woman who has a child. I am also a solicitor who deals with a very large amount of matrimonial work, including child maintenance claims by wives and ex-wives. Barbara Amiel's article ignores several important facts of modern life.

She quotes the husband in the case of Paton versus British Pregnancy Advisory Trustees and Another, who attempted to prevent his wife having an abortion by means of injunction, as saying: "All I am asking her to do is to have it painlessly delivered and then hand it over to me to be brought up in the bosom of a huge, loving family."

Childbirth is not painless and is quite dangerous. In my case, the pain was unimaginable. It could do enormous psychological damage to a woman to be forced to go through such an experience.

The words of the father in the Paton case also caused me wry amusement. When he spoke of the baby being "brought up in the bosom of a huge, loving family" he was not referring to an upbringing by himself. Despite a change in fashion and male attitudes to parenting, when a baby is born out of wedlock or when a marriage breaks up, in the overwhelming majority of cases the responsibility for upbringing rests with the woman.

The excitement of prospective fathers at the birth of their baby is frequently short-lived and very rarely develops into a paternal feeling strong enough for them to be prepared to make the sacrifices necessary to assume the major or sole responsibility.

Another point of which Ms Amiel seems to be unaware is that a non-custodial mother would also be liable to pay "child support". The implications of this are that a woman could be forced to bear a child and then forced to maintain it for 18 years or more.

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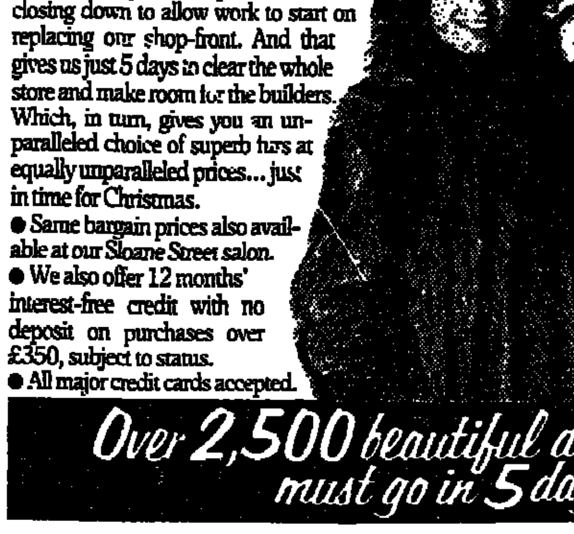

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Second thoughts

Did Mrs Thatcher, despite TV-am's opinion poll, suffer a momentary crisis of confidence yesterday? In her address to the European Parliament in Strasbourg she noted with pleasure that she was the first European head of government to serve two six-month terms as president of the EEC council of ministers. An early draft of her speech reveals that she originally intended to add that she was looking forward to a third term in 1992; in the event she passed on to other matters. Has the Wright affair clouded her conviction that she can lead the Tories to another election victory?

Smoked out

Sacked from his £11,500 community liason officer job with Knowsley council, stripped of his Labour Party membership and deputy leadership of Liverpool council (worth £4,000 in allowances), Derek Hatton now faces further humiliation. Richard Pine, Liberal deputy leader on Liverpool council, is concerned that Hatton is still picking up £3,000 a year as chairman of the Merseyside Fire Service Joint Board. Hatton is supporting industrial action over the loss of 88 jobs in the fire service resulting from a recent reorganization. Next week, Pine will propose that Liverpool council withdraw Hatton's nomination to the board. "The Labour councillors have promised to have nothing more to do with Hatton. Since he is no longer part of the Labour group he cannot possibly be its nominee," Pine says.

Really...

It has taken 400 years, but someone has got his revenge on Sir Walter Raleigh for defacing Queen Elizabeth's palace windows by scratching them with amorous messages. Less creative vandals have made two large holes in a stained glass window in St Margaret's Church, Westminster, dedicated to Sir Walter.

Name game

Members of the Commons select committee on the Treasury and Civil Service are rubbing their eyes over the name plate on the desk of their chairman. They are convinced it used to read Terence Higgins. Now it says T.L. Higgins. Could Higgins, noted for his sympathetic attitude to homosexual rights, be embarrassed at sharing his name with an Aids charity? "There has been no change at all," Higgins says.

BARRY FANTONI

'May I request a brief recess, m'lud? It seems a Mr Kinnock is on the telephone'

In the know

Sir Edward Gardner's private member's bill proposing a British human rights bill has attracted interest from an unlikely quarter. On Monday he was visited by Valeri Krasnov, a Soviet embassy official, who told him of the Kremlin's plan to stage an international conference on humanitarian issues and asked if the relevant papers on the Gardner bill could be sent to the Soviet ambassador in Vienna. "And could you tell us the British government's reaction to the conference?" asked Krasnov. "I suggested he might better be able to inform me," says Gardner.

Eye to eyeball

I gather that the compilers of Robert Maxwell's spoof mag *Not Private Eye* — out today — had planned to give former *Private Eye* editor Richard Ingrams a taste of his own medicine by publishing his home number. They were dissuaded, I hear, only after Peter Jay, Maxwell's right-hand man, received a call from Ingrams — a pal of Jay's from Oxford days. *Eye* editor Ian Hislop says: "Ingrams threatened, if provoked, to print the numbers of all Maxwell's family, his doctor and dentist."

Off the cuff

Ronald Reagan's plummeting popularity does not seem to have affected interest in one of his old dinner jackets — now on offer through a classified ad in the *San Francisco Chronicle*. The owner, sports writer Greg Wooldridge, bought the jacket, made by Albert Mariani, in a Beverley Hills second-hand shop for $5. He tells me that offers of up to $900 are pouring in but he is holding out: "Ten thousand seems like a tidy sum." Odd that the jacket should have been thus neglected: one of Nancy's first telephone calls after the assassination attempt on her husband was to Mariani ordering a new suit.

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North: a hero traduced

by Patrick J. Buchanan

Washington

Of all the lurid features in the tapestry of Contragate, perhaps the most revealing is the behaviour of the Republican Party establishment, which owes all it has and all it is to Ronald Reagan. With a few honourable exceptions — Senators Strom Thurmond and Ted Stevens come to mind — they have all gone virtually into hiding.

Men who are Chairman This and Senator That only because of Reagan are now making their future support of this embattled president conditional on their non-negotiable demand that he sack some of his oldest and closest friends.

Before the midterm elections only one month ago, this 75-year-old president was travelling the nation as no other president before him, fighting to save the Senate for these selfsame incumbent Republicans. Among those he personally supported were some who had cut and run on him in every major engagement he has fought since he came to the White House.

Is this how they repay the leader who has done more for the Republican Party than any American since Theodore Roosevelt, who brought it back from Watergate to become the party of vision and opportunity, the party of Middle America and the young — when all the pundits were saying it was finished for a generation?

If elemental loyalty cannot convince these Republicans to stand up and speak out for Reagan, what about basic self-interest? Do they truly think the investigative engines of a hostile Congress and the artillery of an adversary press are again being wheeled into position simply "to get at the truth"? Do they seriously believe those pious declamations from the Democratic left that "we must not have another failed presidency"? That is exactly what they want: the destruction of a Republican presidency for the second time within a generation

"This is the most fun we've had since Watergate," Ben Bradlee, editor of the *Washington Post*, is reported as saying. Bradlee is echoed by columnist Michael Kinsley: "The fall of Reagan is a laughing matter. The only irritating aspect of the otherwise delightful collapse of the Reagan administration is the widespread insistence that we must all be poker-faced about it."

"People in my position have been known to run for cover," declares Republican Senator Rudy Boschwitz in one of the great understatements of the episode.

In recent years, Republican candidates have taken to prattling at election time about their devotion to "family values". The first of those values, surely, is family loyalty. So when a mob gathers in the front garden, howling for the head of the household, the sons do not force him to sit at a table and write a list of his "mistakes". They start firing from the upper floors.

But we are a nation founded in law, and Colonel Oliver North has broken the law, comes the Republican retort; surely, we cannot condone that. But we don't know that North did in fact break the law.

We do know of some Americans who broke the law: those who, a century ago, ran escaped slaves up the Underground Railroad to Canada — *they* broke the law; so did Franklin Roosevelt when he secretly ordered American *destroyers to* hunt down German submarines in the Atlantic during the Second World War and to relay the information to the British fleet; so did those Americans who ran guns to the Jews in Palestine in 1947 and 1948.

But how are they seen today? Not as law breakers but as heroes. And Oliver North is a hero, a man who saw further than others and took risks with his own career because he knew that in helping the anti-Sandinista army in Nicaragua he was buying time for his own distracted and indifferent countrymen — "hold the fort alone, till those who are half blind are half ready."

Oliver North is now disparaged as a "cowboy", a rogue, a "soldier of fortune" by our lords temporal in Congress and our lords spiritual in the press. Well, the day the United States ceases to produce soldiers of the kidney and spleen and heart and soul of Oliver North is the day it begins an irreversible decline.

The president was right. Oliver North is an American hero; and I am proud to know him as a friend.

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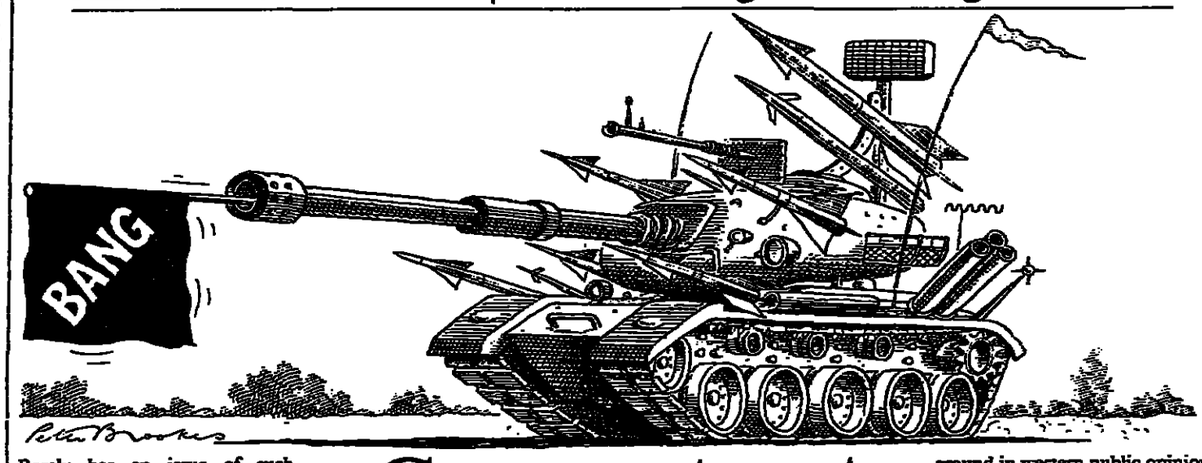
Andrew McEwen on the dilemma facing Nato's foreign ministers



Can we trust Moscow over troop cuts?

Rarely has an issue of such fundamental importance failed so completely to penetrate the consciousness of the western public as that facing Nato tomorrow.

The foreign ministers of the alliance meet in Brussels to consider the future of conventional arms reductions talks. The big question is how to respond to a Warsaw Pact proposal that one million troops should be withdrawn from Europe, from the Atlantic to the Urals. Presented in those simplistic terms the question seems to answer itself. Who could be against it; who would dare speak against it?

Indeed, has the point been conceded already? There are those who argue that as Nato took the *initiative* last May, it can hardly backtrack now. Meeting in Halifax, Nova Scotia, the North Atlantic Council called for "bold new steps in the field of conventional arms control". The Warsaw Pact responded with its "Budapest Appeal" which greatly raised the stakes. In reality, however, it is the Brussels meeting that will determine whether Nato is ready to talk in such ambitious terms.

Many believe that the issues at stake are as important as those confronted at the Reykjavik summit. Nuclear arms control may hold a monopoly of glamour but, without parallel progress in conventional force reductions, it is unlikely to enhance European security.

Lord Carrington, the Nato secretary general, commented in an interview this week: "No one seems to worry about conventional weapons any more. So many nuclear disarmers seem concerned only with nuclear weapons; they almost seem to suggest that conventional warfare is acceptable. No one who lived through the last world war would agree".

The risk at Brussels is that more time will be spent on forums than fundamentals. Before focusing on the forum for arms talks, the ministers need to consider whether the West can risk thinking along the lines proposed in the Budapest Appeal at all.

After 13 years of stalemate in the existing mutual balance force reductions talks (MBFR) in Vienna there are those who argue that both the Halifax and the Budapest lines of thought are wildly over-ambitious.

George Shultz, Sir Geoffrey Howe and 14 other foreign ministers have to decide whether Gorbachov essentially wants agreement or not. If so, the Budapest Appeal will be welcomed; if not, the West risks being drawn into a public relations trap.

A considerable leap of faith will be required at Brussels to overcome two fundamental objections. First, the Soviet Union has always opposed all attempts to verify conventional arms reductions. It is on this issue that the MBFR talks are currently deadlocked. As the Vienna talks involve only token force reductions, how can the West hope for a breakthrough when a million troops are in question?

Secondly, there is strong but unproven suspicion in Whitehall that Moscow may have hidden motives for proposing such dramatic cuts. Last December Nato submitted proposals designed to unblock the MBFR talks, which for years had been deadlocked over differences between Nato's estimate of the number of Warsaw Pact troops in Central Europe and the Pact's own figures.

Without agreement on what was called the "data question", it was impossible to name a starting point from which troop cuts should be counted. The new British-sponsored Nato plan swallowed these doubts and switched the focus to verification. Whitehall analysts now say the Pact is in a corner: if it is in earnest it has no reason to refuse.

The same sources see the Budapest Appeal as a diversion in which the key issue is the forum for future talks. The Appeal offered three suggestions. One was an expanded version of MBFR, the other two involved offshoots of the 35-nation CSCE (Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe) forum which grew out of the 1975 Helsinki conference initiated by Brezhnev.

Subsequent statements by Eduard Shevardnadze, the Soviet foreign minister, have shown a wish to wrap up MBFR and switch the talks to CSCE or another forum generally known as CDE-2. The latter would be modelled on the Stockholm talks which last year produced an agreement to give advance warning of military exercises.

The point made by the sceptics is that by "moving the goalposts" Moscow avoids conceding the vital verification issue. Switching to a forum that includes non-aligned nations, Moscow could reasonably hope for a more sympathetic attitude on verification. The argument is certain to appear unduly suspicious and over-technical.

But the sceptics have a second point. They see Moscow's tactics on nuclear and conventional arms proposals as part of a single strategy to gain the moral high ground in western public opinion, pointing toGorbachov's refusal to accept a nuclear arms deal at Reykjavik unless Washington abandoned the Strategic Defence Initiative.

Since the summit it has become clear that Moscow, Western Europe and Washington could agree on far-ranging nuclear cuts without compromising the British and French deterrents and without stripping away the American strategic nuclear umbrella.

Lord Carrington is not among the sceptics but he did declare himself troubled by the link with SDI. Without sharing the view that Moscow's refusal so far to accept verification within the MBFR talks undermines its credibility, Lord Carrington believes it would be dangerous folly to accept any agreement that excluded it.

"The whole problem is one of distrust on both sides. The only way you can build up confidence is through agreements in which it is certain that neither side can cheat. Verification is the nub of the issue", he said.

Lord Carrington, in common with high Whitehall sources, believes that the Budapest Appeal will find a positive response at Brussels, and that there will then be a long wrangle over the forum issue. The ministers will not want to end the MBFR talks, he thinks, but will see them as the wrong forum for an Atlantic-to-the-Urals discussion. The need to include France, which has always refused to have anything to do with MBFR, lends support to the CSCE or CDE-2 suggestions.

Whitehall sources predict that it will not be possible to make Soviet acceptance of verification a precondition for talks within a new forum. The best that can be expected is "good verification language" in the terms of reference. The importance of Brussels, say the sceptics, is that it may be the West's last chance to prevent verification slipping from its grasp.

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Alastair Kilmarnock

A strategy for Aids

Aids is not a plague in the medieval sense since it is transmitted only through certain identified routes. Though insidious and lethal, it is not yet a catastrophe. But it could become one.

When they debate Aids today, the Lords must be aware that this catastophe can be averted only if the campaign against it is conducted simultaneously on three fronts — educational, medical and scientific — within the framework of a national strategic plan.

The government has begun well on one front, public education, for which it is giving £20 million. But from this welcome initiative a number of consequences flow. In some hospitals the voluntary demand for testing has already increased fourfold. After 23 million leaflets have been posted, backed up by television advertising, this figure could well quadruple again. A successful campaign will inevitably exert increasing pressure on the already underfunded and overstretched clinics treating sexually transmitted diseases and on voluntary bodies. To meet these pressures, steps must be taken now.

Immediate action is also necessary to deal with the growing number of Aids victims. The number of people in Britain carrying the Aids virus is now put at anywhere between 30,000 and 100,000. Estimates vary of the number likely to contract the disease, but even at the lower level the system will face inevitable demands over the next five years, even if a vaccine were discovered tomorrow.

This year there have been 600 Aids patients and the number is expected to double annually. That means there will be nearly 20,000 cases by 1991.

The most reliable current calculation of the total cost of an Aids patient to the NHS is £18,000; therefore 20,000 cases will cost £360 million, against the 1986 expenditure of £11 million (not all of which has been met from special funds).

The Social Services Secretary has asked all health authorities to submit their plans for dealing with Aids by the end of this month. They will find this difficult because their plans must depend largely on his. They want training grades opened up to provide the staff that will be needed for the many thousands more patients; they want facilities which match each phase of the disease, including new in-patient clinics with day beds. But they fear these will be provided only at the expense of other commitments, which would set colleague against colleague and could lead to a public backlash.

The Secretary of State must therefore make totally clear that Aids funding will not just be carved out of the main NHS budget. New money must be committed and an efficient and speedy system must be devised within the national strategic plan — which does not yet exist — to target it effectively.

The action initiated on the public information front is on the right lines but the medical and scientific fronts are seriously under-resourced and undermanned. I would therefore propose something on the following lines. The DHSS should remain the lead department, with its Aids Unit the national command post. To avoid the present mismatch between rapidly changing health authority needs and set allocations from above, the authorities should be able to tell the Aids Unit how much they need, and the unit to respondin line with the national plan.

This plan would be negotiated by the Secretary of State with the Cabinet on the recommendation of a National Aids Council, constituted from elements of the Chief Medical Officer's present advisory committee, supplemented by health economists and presided over by the Minister for Health. Its main job would be to recommend, on the basis of all the national and international facts available, the level of Aids-related funding on a medium-term basis of not less than three years.

Once this was approved or modified at Cabinet level, it would be the task of the Aids Unit to ensure that allocations were made rapidly and applied by the regions and districts. Expert sub-committees should recommend the level of government-funded research and deal with the needs of voluntary bodies, possibly in liaison with a new fund-raising charity.

Of course, someone in government might devise a better model. But some such strategic structure is essential. To any accusation of over-centralization I would respond that bids will come from the bottom up and implementation will owe everything to personal responsibility and local effort.

On funding, my guess is that in 1987/88 NHS revenue costs, plus some capital spending and increases of say £5 million each for research and voluntary bodies, would indicate a total of about £60 million (including the £20 million information campaign). In time appropriate levels would emerge from the framework I am suggesting because we would be asking the right questions and getting closer to the right answers.

This is the sort of approach, not panicky but alert and determined, that the public will expect from government of whatever hue, or indeed of mixed hue, as we head into the 1990s. This way we have a good chance of avoiding catastrophe. Without a strategy and the money to back it the prospects are grim indeed.

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Philip Howard

Muezzin of the paperback

Men have authority over women because God has made them superior, and because they support the women financially. Men are better than women. Good women are obedient. They guard their private parts because God has guarded them. If you have women you suspect are going to disobey you, admonish them, send them to a separate bed, and beat them.

Those hearty precepts come from the chapter on women in the Koran, which is full of much other helpful advice. Of course there is also such obsolete prescription in Leviticus, and other private parts of the Bible. The difference is that not even the most fanatical Jews or Bible-belt Christians follow to the letter laws designed for a primitive nomadic tribe. It is depressing that so many people still take as infallible even the dottier words of Allah, as revealed to Mahomet by the Angel Gabriel more than 13 centuries ago.

Napoleon said that Mohammedanism was less ridiculous than Christianity. But he was on St Helena and depressed at the time; and in any case he was sounder on artillery than theology. These are matters of personal taste and cultural conditioning. Perhaps the Western European subconscious is still haunted by the threat of Islam, and folk memories of the Battle of Tours, where Charles the Hammer turned the Saracen tide. If he hadn't, "perhaps the interpretation of the Koran would now be taught in the schools of Oxford, and her pulpits might demonstrate to a circumcised people the sanctity and truth of the revelation of Mahomet."

I am a Western European. And to me Mahommedanism seems, if not quite as silly as Buddhism, nor as mischievous and mad as the extreme, enthusiastic sects of Christianity, nevertheless the most harmful and dangerous of the First Division monotheistic religions.

You can judge for yourselves, in one of the success stories of the book game, which is celebrating its prodigious 30th anniversary: N.J. Dawood's translation of the Koran in the Penguin Classics. Nessim Dawood was born in Baghdad in 1927, and came to London on an Iraq state scholarship to read English at London University. His tutor in classical Arabic was a distinguished poet: young Nessim planned to go home to Baghdad after graduating, and devote his life to translating Shakespeare (for whom he had developed a passion as a boy, having read *The Merchant of Venice* first, looking up most words in a dictionary) into Arabic. But he fell in with Dr E.V. Rieu, then busily translating Homer and editing the inchoate Penguin Classics. And as a very young man Dawood translated the Koran treated as literature rather than the words of God.

All other English translations are pompous, archaic, reverential and unreadable, except by the enthusiast. Across the language barrier Dawood captured the thunder and poetry of the original in such passages as those dealing with the Day of Judgement and Heaven and Hell. Not even lively, idiomatic English can camouflage the *longueurs* of the nit-picking, logic-chopping bits. Rieu and Penguin thought it would run to a single edition. In the event it is now in its 31st edition, and has sold more than a million copies around the world. Pirated editions have been published in Iran and the Lebanon. N.J. Dawood has carried on translating, and runs his London company, which is the major centre for Arabic translations and typesetting outside the Middle East.

Judging literature in translation is like looking at paintings in a smoke-filled room without your contact lenses. Even the best translation is a lie. But from the English translations, the Koran comes third in the league table of holy writings. The Rig Veda is unreadable. The Analects are weird. The Bible in Greek and the Vulgate is second-rate as literature: I cannot speak for the Hebrew, Aramaic, Syriac, or Coptic. But in English in the Authorized Version, because of the accidents of history, it is one of the supreme glories of world literature; which is not a charge you could make against subsequent versions. The Bible comes second.

But the trouble with both the Koran and the Bible is that they lack wit. I cannot believe in a God who does not laugh. Considered as literature, the best scriptures about the gods are clearly those about the gods and goddesses of Ancient Greece, later translated to Rome, and written about by masters from Homer to Ovid.

Cory's peace talks balancing act

President Corazon Aquino of the Philippines today embarks on the first attempt to bring about a negotiated settlement to a communist insurgency in Asia since the end of the war in Vietnam.

If both sides follow the schedule on which they have agreed, the guns of the New People's Army (NPA) and the Philippines armed *will fall silent at the start* of a 60-day renewable ceasefire. It will be a preliminary to negotiations on a comprehensive peace settlement which could end the insurgency which has plagued the Philippines for the past 17 years.

Mrs Aquino is the third leader to try to talk the guerrillas out of the hills. Twice before — in 1948, under President Quirino, and in 1954, under President Magsaysay — the government sought peace with the Hukbalahap, the Stalinist People's Liberation Army, from which the current Maoist Communist Party of the Philippines (CPP) broke away in the mid-1960s.

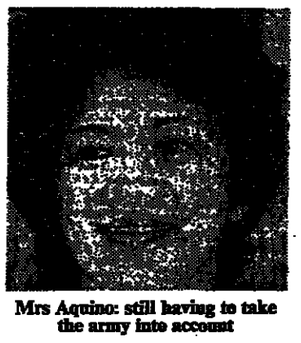
The CPP and its military wing, the NPA, grew out of a clandestine meeting north of Manila in 1968. That meeting gave birth to what is today the most formidable and durable of communist movements in South-East Asia. It has influence beyond its relatively small size with only about 23,000 followers, about half of whom are armed guerrillas, in a country of 55 millions.

Already, however, Mrs Aquino's interim ceasefire agreement is balancing on a knife-edge. The NDF recently asked her to revoke the claim by General Ramos, the army chief of staff, and the new defence minister, Rafael Ileto, that the army still has the right to carry out patrols in rebel-held territory and arrest guerrillas bearing arms.The insurgents insist that the ceasefire agreement precludes such action by either side, but the army is adamant that it must be able to maintain law and order.

Although the dismissal of Juan Ponce Enrile effectively rules out any military coup in the near future, the risk will reappear. While Enrile has been forced to retire from national politics he almost certainly plans to return. Convinced that he, not Mrs Aquino, was responsible for overthrowing Ferdinand Marcos, he feels deprived of his rightful place at the top. Since his dismissal, he has also privately accused Ramos of underestimating the exent of hostility within the army to a negotiated settlement with the communists.

Although Ramos has officially expressed the army's support for the Aquino peace initiative, the army remains riddled with pro-Marcos, pro-Enrile and anti-Aquino elements ready to exploit any pretext to sabotage the negotiations. Disaffected officers will not be short of oportunities to provoke a renewed outbreak of hostilities.

The negotiators will have to



Mrs Aquino: still having to take the army into account

find solutions to the problems of integrating the NDF into the fabric of national politics, deal with the catalogue of past abuses by both the rebels and the army and decide the future of the US Clark and Subic military bases. These discussions are likely to be conducted against a background of assassinations and low level confrontations which each side will attempt to blame on the other.

Despite her limited room for manoeuvre, President Aquino could yet swing the balance of advantage in her favour. She has gambled that the NDF is basically a non-ideological movement for agrarian reform, albeit disciplined by a hard core of Marxist-Leninists. If most of its members can be persuaded to accept measures for economic and land reform, a legitimate role in politics and assurances of human rights, she could well isolate them from the extremists.

The role played by her new cabinet, whose composition is still to be announced, will play a pivitol role in ensuring the army's confidence. Much of its hostility to the civilian government is the result of previous appointments. Aquilino Pimentel, the former Minister for Local Government, for example, appointed dozens of left-wing local government officials who did their best to impede the army's anti-insurgency campaign.

A stong cabinet would encourage General Ramos to undertake the wide-ranging reforms needed to purge the army of its endemic cronyism, corruption and factionalim, and turn it into a professional fighting force. If disaffected officers feared a purge from above they would have far less energy for undermining the peace negotiations.

The ceasefire is designed to extend beyond the February 2 plebiscite on the new constitution. If it holds, it will be the first time since the introduction of martial law that the Philippine electorate will go to a ballot free from fear of the gun. Should Mrs Aquino get that far, the Philippines will have taken the first real step towards political stability and eventual economic recovery.

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DEEDS NOT WORDS

There was an unheroic contrast between the Prime Minister's strong call yesterday for reform of Europe's agricultural policy and the way she allowed the problem blandly to be passed over at last week's European summit in London. The leaders with the real power to promote reform were in London, while the Euro-MPs she was addressing yesterday in Strasbourg can only exercise limited influence in the search for a solution.

It is, however, at least a welcome development that the Euro-MPs have recently come round to acknowledging that reform is necessary. The communique from the London summit did not even admit that much – a paragraph to that effect in the draft having been struck out at the behest of the French and Germans, after the briefest possible discussion.

Yet all those involved knew in their hearts that it is imperative for a definitive resolution to be reached within months, if budgetary tensions are not to build up to a point where the basis of the European settlement will be jeopardised. The agreements that were reached in London, on terrorism, drugs, jobs, Aids and internal free trade – worth-while enough in themselves – are of marginal significance compared to this central threat to the Community. Half of its expenditure in all categories goes towards the storage and disposal of unwanted food surpluses, and total expenditure is likely to overrun its budget by no less than £3bn next year.

The participants in the London summit treated it like one of those Christmastide family reunions where the chief preoccupation on all sides is to get through the celebrations without waking any sleeping dogs or letting any skeletons out of cupboards, before dispersing gratefully till next year. But for the European family what is in prospect is not a year's respite, but a year of increasingly desperate intimacy.

The impossibility of making any progress while West Germany was on the edge of a general election was much rehearsed. German Chancellors have lived for many years in holy terror of their farmers and of the populist right. But in a Community of 12 someone is always going to be on the verge of an election. Next time round, it may be us. There will always be arguments for putting off the day.

The problem could not have been solved at a stroke in London, but the leaders could at least have had enough respect for their electorates to warn them that hard decisions were coming. For the truth is that any solution is going to hurt. The longer an abuse is left unrectified, the harsher it is for its beneficiaries when reality eventually breaks in.

For Britain in particular, in the approach to a general election, hard decisions are inevitable.A high proportion of British farms are already relatively efficient and productive. They thus have nothing to hope for from measures designed to soften the blow to farming communities struggling to survive on adverse terrain. The richer members of the EEC will all have to bear the cost of ensuring that the impact of reform does not fall with disastrous effect on the poorer, less highly mechanised farmers of the Community's new Mediterranean partners.

The sooner action is taken, the more scope there will be to phase in the new regime without too violent a transition. The cost of storing elderly butter eats up resources which ought to be channelled more discriminately to where they are needed through the EEC's regional and social funds.

There will be storms of protest from the farmers, and, in Britain at least, few immediate rewards to gratify the main ultimate beneficiary, the taxpayer. But unless Europe's leaders give clear warning of what is coming, and has to come, they will be on weak ground when they have to ask their voters to trust them and accept it.

THE AWACS VARIATION

Nine years ago, the Government of Mr James Callaghan, faced with the need to choose a new air-borne early warning, AEW, aircraft for the RAF, made the wrong decision for the right reasons. The present government must now beware of making the same mistake.

The right decision must now be to buy the Boeing E-3 Awacs, 54 of which are already in service with the United States Air Force, with NATO in Europe and with Saudi Arabia. Boeing is bidding to supply eight of the planes (which are based upon the air frame of the 707 airliner) within 3 years at a cost of up to £1 billion.

To go for this safe but expensive option would mean reversing the 1977 decision to "buy British" – in the shape of the Nimrod alternative. This had been developed by British Aerospace from the old Comet air frame and had already proved itself as a highly successful maritime reconnaissance aircraft – probably the best in the world.

For British Aerospace to team up with GEC who would develop an all-British radar system, seemed at the time a natural solution to the RAF's problems as the Ministry of Defence cast around for a successor to the squadron of elderly AEW Shackletons. The trouble is, as everyone now must know, that the British rival to Awacs has failed to meet RAF requirements and is three years late.

The decision to cut one's losses by cancelling Nimrod and opting belatedly for Awacs is harder than it sounds. With £900 million already spent on Nimrod, the Ministry of Defence is understandably reluctant to turn its back on one investment and plunge into another even bigger one – especially at a time when money is tight.

To place any government contract outside Britain at a time of high unemployment and with a general election around the corner can hardly sound like good politics to the Defence Secretary, Mr George Younger – though Boeing is apparently willing to offset the Awacs deal with high-tech purchases from British industry. He cannot forget that he entered his sixth floor office at the Ministry earlier this year as the indirect beneficiary of the Westland fiasco – which bore one or two similarities to the present one.

Nor can he view with enthusiasm the inevitable accusation that by giving away the contract now to Boeing, he has "knocked another nail in the coffin of Britain's manufacturing industry". Opposition MPs are already preparing to put him under fire for damaging the country's high-tech potential. It would certainly mean that the monopoly for long-range AEW technology would be given for ever to Boeing and the opportunity to establish a place for Britain in the field would have been lost.

On the other hand, the opportunity has been virtually forfeited already. GEC has had nine years to get it right and still needs a further £500 million to finish the job. It is difficult for any layman to judge the relative merits of the two systems, partly because detailed information of performance is classified and partly because, even if it were not so, only specialists in the field could make the right kind of assessment. But the indications are that the RAF considers the Awacs system to be technically superior.

The sorry history of Nimrod has so far been one of mutual recrimination. The Ministry of Defence has accused GEC of being over-confident in the first place and of thereby misleading Whitehall. GEC has replied by protesting that the reason it has scored so badly is that the RAF keeps moving the goal posts.

For the RAF to describe its requirements for an AEW system to operate over the North Sea, then to complain that it does not perform well enough over land, seems to GEC to be intolerably perverse. No doubt this is partly true. Yet defence requirements alter with the enemy threat and, in the high technology area, they are liable to alter quickly and often.

Nimrod was never likely to be as comprehensive a solution as was Awacs. The Comet air frame is smaller than that of the 707, which means that its payload (particularly the radar dish it carries) is more restricted. At best, Nimrod looked as if it might just be good enough – as opposed to being a better alternative operationally. To continue pouring money into what was always going to be a poor relation of Awacs would now be a mistake.

Political considerations must enter into any decisions by governments. But in the end it is the quality of the end product in defence matters which must be paramount.

THE RETURN OF THE PLO

The upsurge of violence in the West Bank over the past week has brought to notice once again the discontent of Palestinians living under Israeli rule. What is described as the worst violence in the West Bank since it was occupied in 1967 demonstrates, if demonstration were needed, that resentment over lost territory and lost rights does not die with the generation that sustained the loss.

The youths and, indeed, children throwing stones at Israeli convoys this week have known nothing other than Israeli rule. They claim harassment by Israeli forces; the Israelis claim their universities accommodate and give succour to subversives. There is right, and wrong, on both sides.

Behind the immediate causes of the present conflict is the growing acceptance by Palestinians that international recognition of their cause has gone as far as it can go; that the hopes generated by the Jordanian-sponsored initiative are now dead: and that Jordan, by promising economic assistance to the occupied West Bank, is in effect underwriting the Israeli occupation. They cling, as they have always done, to the figure of Yassir Arafat, the one leader who has not appeared to compromise their cause.

In recent weeks they will have been able to take courage from the victories of Yassir Arafat's Palestinian Liberation Organization in southern Lebanon. The reinfiltration of the PLO into Lebanon has been accomplished over months rather than weeks. But its latest successes, in and around the refugee camps of Beirut, show that despite its factionalism, the mystique of the PLO is still strong and the figure of Yassir Arafat, in the absence of any other plausible leader, still commands authority.

The resurgence of the PLO poses a dilemma for Israel and Syria. Both have a continuing interest in curbing the Palestinian influence in Lebanon, partly for reasons of their own national security, partly – in the case of Israel – to discourage a resurgence of overt nationalism among the Palestinians of the occupied territories. However, both have to balance their commitment to what many see as a lost foreign cause – a stable Lebanon – with the cost in terms of economic stability and public opinion at home.

Israel scaled down its presence in Lebanon two years ago when the cost of involvement became too great. Syria faces a similar choice today. Its economy is too weak, and its political situation may be too delicate, to support further intervention. Yet further intervention, either by Israel or by Syria, will be considered desirable by some if the PLO is not to become the destabilizing force it was in Lebanon five years ago.

Yet the origins of the present uncertainty in the Middle East probably go beyond Syria to the setback experienced by the United States following the exposure of its dealings with Iran. The legality and moral considerations of the covert diplomacy aside, overt US influence held much in place. It acted as a restraint on Israel in its settlement of the West Bank, and it curbed Syrian influence by involving it, albeit indirectly, in the diplomatic process.

Now that US influence and authority in the Middle East have been weakened, at least for the time being, two of the most prominent players – Syria and Israel – have been left with pause for reflection. It is a pause the Palestinians have been able to exploit. It is a mark of how limited their influence remains, however, that the violence has been as circumscribed as it has.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Striking a balance in nuclear role

From the Director of the West European Defence Association

Sir, Mr Neil Kinnock in his US tour has accused Nato Supreme Commander, General Bernard Rodgers, of attempting to influence the "conduct of events in . . . constituent democracies within the Nato Alliance" (report, December 5).

General Rodgers, in conjunction with all Alliance members, is responsible for Nato's strategy, protection and forward planning. In an interview with a German magazine to which Mr Kinnock alluded, General Rodgers quite correctly questioned the outcome for Nato and the US commitment to Europe should the unilateralist policies of the Labour Party be implemented.

It was precisely to influence US political thinking – particularly on matters of defence as we go toward a general election – that Mr Kinnock's visit was undertaken. Hence his heavy emphasis on explaining his party's unilateralist policies.

In wishing to retain the right to criticise the US presence in the United Kingdom, he appears also to reserve the right to object to a US voice replying on the subject when he introduces it in theirs.

The fundamental that Mr Kinnock seems to have overlooked is that US bases in the United Kingdom are part of the overall US commitment to *Europe* and not to Britain in isolation from the Alliance. Removal of US bases or removal of their deterrents *will* affect Nato's *European* structure and its ability to defend itself in times of threat.

General Rodgers understands that, as do most of us. Had Mr Kinnock's briefing been more assiduously applied, so would he.

Yours faithfully,
E. B. LE CHÊNE, Director,
West European Defence Association,
Blandford House,
65 Blandford Street, W1.

From Wing Commander C. Crichton, RAF (retd)

Sir, Mr Kinnock, who is under intense actual domestic pressure, has missed an essential point. Deterrence by nuclear weapons is designed not only to prevent nuclear war but also to inhibit or stop large-scale conventional war, itself an appalling tragedy.

When I was taking an active part in the Nato standby arrangements more than 20 years ago, amongst ourselves we called the deterrent the detergent because it cleansed the politicians' minds with that unfailing solvent, *fear*.

Mr Kinnock has done a lot of homework but continues to talk about immense increases in conventional arms way beyond the fairly hefty "trip-wire" arrangements we now have.

Nuclear weapons in the last 40 years have severely limited conventional war compared with the first half of the twentieth century, quite apart from totally preventing effective nuclear blackmail by either side.

Yours faithfully,
CHARLES CRICHTON,
Longthorns, Blandford, Dorset.

Salt-2 breakdown

From Dr Patricia M. Lewis

Sir, Your leader (December 1) is absolutely correct that it is now time for a treaty better than Salt-2, but it will be difficult to negotiate in an atmosphere clouded by accusations of cheating and blatant break-out.

The Salt-2 treaty has indeed been beset by difficulties from its onset and the USA never ratified it. Accusations by the United States that the Soviet Union has violated the treaty are difficult to substantiate. Certainly no one is suggesting that the USSR has been violating the treaty to a level of gaining a significant strategic advantage.

Four of the allegations of violation rely on satellite photo-reconnaissance information which is not available for us to assess. For example, how can we, in Britain, judge whether the SS-25 is really a new missile, prohibited by the treaty, or whether it is an allowed modified version of the SS-13?

Also central to the allegations is the technology of missile test encryption. The wording in the treaty is ambiguous, to say the least, especially where items refer back to clauses in the Salt-1 treaty. Independent researchers cannot assess the encryption results, nor do we know which parts of the flight-test information the Soviet Union might be encrypting.

In the end, and it is the end of Salt-2, no treaty is enforceable and all are "merely understandings". Can it really be in the interests of global security to simply abandon Salt-2? Surely the true statesmanlike action would have been to tighten the terms of the treaty and enhance verification measures.

Your faithfully,
PATRICIA M. LEWIS,
Verification Technology Information Centre,
33 Southampton Street, WC2.
December 1.

A place in space

From Air Vice-Marshal G. C. Cairns, RAF (retd)

Sir, One of the drawbacks to pursuing the European option for Britain's future relationships in space activities, advocated by Admiral Sir James Eberle (feature, November 13), is the lack of suitable real estate.

To become a major force in space it is first necessary to have a secure launching site. Of necessity this must have a range facing east, to utilize the throw weight provided by the earth's rotation, and an arc of 90 degrees, either to north or south, to allow maximum choice of orbital inclination (complete orbital flexibility can only be obtained from a site on the equator).

Ideally the site should be within one's own territory for security reasons and to reduce logistic problems. Above all, there must be a large area of open sea or very sparsely populated territory down range over the full firing arc.

One look at the map will show that there is nowhere in western Europe which meets any of the above criteria. In contrast, both China and Japan are relatively well endowed.

The European launching site in French Guyana is very well situated, apart from long-term security and the logistic considerations, and in the much longer term a vehicle such as Hotol might resolve the problem by flying as a conventional aircraft from Europe to a suitable airfield near the equator, where it would refuel before launching itself into orbit.

As far as the super-powers are concerned, the US is well placed at Cape Canaveral and has an alternative site in Florida for polar orbits. Russia's choice of orbit inclination is more restricted than the USA's, due to the higher latitude of her present launching facilities.

This produces an important factor in *realpolitik*, since any object launched by Russia directly into a low earth orbit will inevitably pass over the USA shortly after launch and at frequent intervals thereafter, whereas the US can, if they so wish, orbit their own hardware without "overflying" Soviet territory.

With anti-satellite systems in prospect, Russia might one day wish to redress this imbalance. It is certainly a situation which highlights how essential it is that the international agreements for access to space should hold even in the face of the fierce international competition which already exists and which can only grow.

Until the world is a safer place to live in, Britain, with or without Europe, would do better to keep further options open rather than rely on the long-term security of French Guyana or the technological success of Hotol.

Yours faithfully,
GEOFFREY CAIRNS,
Powells, Kenn,
Exeter, Devon.

In private hands

From Professor Conrad Russell

Sir, In your yesterday's edition (November 29) you report that the new policy on wheel clamping represents a measure of privatization of law enforcement.

A historian is perhaps entitled to point out that this has happened before, under the name of patents of monopoly, in the reigns of Elizabeth I and James I, and that the result was the revival of impeachment. Between the ideal of justice and the profit motive, the potential for conflict of interest is considerable.

Yours faithfully,
CONRAD RUSSELL,
43 Streatley Road, NW6.

Bitter-sweet memory

From the High Commissioner of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago

Sir, May I, through your columns, assure your readers that Miss Entract is being unnecessarily sparing with her Angostura bitters (December 3). In the Caribbean, Angostura is used liberally as both a food and drink ingredient. A bottle will rarely last more than a month.

Yours faithfully,
BASIL A. INCE,
High Commission of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago,
42 Belgrave Square, SW1.

Sudanese policy

From the Ambassador of Ethiopia

Sir, We have noted with great surprise and regret the accusations which have been levelled against Ethiopia in the article, "Sudan says Ethiopia aids guerrillas" (December 4).

It is indeed astonishing that such baseless allegations should come from no less a person than the Prime Minister of Sudan himself. We thought he would be guided by wisdom and reason, at least, whenever making statements of this nature. Unfortunately, the frequency of his utterances of such unchecked and trumped-up charges have been intensified of late.

Ethiopia, in line with its policy of non-interference in the internal affairs of other States, has never given sanctuary or any form of assistance to any terrorist organisations operating in the Sudan. It is, indeed, the Sudanese Government that has been working, for years, against the unity and territorial integrity of Ethiopia, by harbouring and openly encouraging the secessionist elements in northern Ethiopia bordering the Sudan.

The world is well aware of Ethiopia's ceaseless efforts and co-oepration with the Sudanese Government in finding a solution to the problem of the Sudan by providing a venue for the conflicting parties.

Ethiopia's policy of good neighbourly relations needs no revision as the Prime Minister has suggested. For years its policy has been based, and will remain to be based in the future, on the inviolability of the unity and territorial integrity of States.

On the contrary, it is the Sudanese policy which needs revision on that score. Trying to find a scapegoat for the Sudanese internal problem does not help. Approaching the problem, however, with resolve and commitment in finding a solution would help.

Yours faithfully,
TEFERRA HAILE-SELASSIE,
Ethiopian Embassy,
17 Princes Gate, SW7.
December 7.

The penultimate paragraph of Mr David Lamming's letter (December 6) should have ended: "Clearly Mr Turnbull did not object to what had occurred, if only for the reason that he was able to turn to advantage Sir Robert [Armstrong's] damaging admission that he had misled the court, albeit unwittingly."

Court cases to spare the child

From the Director of Social Services and Housing Services, London Borough of Bexley

Sir, I read with interest the article by Glanville Williams (November 25) in which he advocates that the law should be changed in order to admit video recordings during the trial of individuals accused of child sexual abuse.

A special pilot project that we, together with Scotland Yard, have been conducting in Bexley, supports Mr Williams's view.

Senior officers of Scotland Yard, the social services committee of this council and I all agreed that it was not in the interests of the child, nor indeed of justice being seen to be done, that victims of child sexual abuse should be subjected to fairly intensive interrogation by investigating police officers, followed by more questioning from "the caring agencies" and finally, months later, by examination and cross-examination in what, even to an adult, is the forbidding environment of an English court of law.

Therefore, we have devised a project where specially trained social workers and police officers conduct investigative interviews immediately after the offence is reported. The interviews are conducted in a special room in the paediatric department of the local district general hospital. The room itself is furnished in a comfortable, homely way.

Medical expertise is on hand, should a physical examination be necessary. Anatomically correct dolls are used so that the child can explain the events in his/her own way – adult language is not necessarily useful or possible in situations such as this.

Interviews are conducted and recorded on video whilst the incident is still relatively fresh in the child's mind.

I have little doubt that Glanville Williams is right when he asserts that victims of such traumatic events should not be required to live through their traumas all over again when the case comes to trial many months after the event.

Douglas Hurd has not, in my view, gone far enough. He should be prepared, in the interests of the welfare of child victims, to face down the lawyers' lobby.

Yours faithfully,
MANI SRIVALSAN,
Director of Social Services and Housing Services,
London Borough of Bexley,
Bexley Civic Offices,
Broadway, Bexleyheath, Kent.

Ending apartheid

From Mr J. L. Insley

Sir, As a South African visiting this country I find it impossible to contain my impatience with the opinions expressed in the letter (November 27) from the Executive Secretary of Christian Concern for Southern Africa.

I am a member of the Progressive Federal Party and thus a committed opponent of the Nationalist Government and its policies. My reason for this opposition is neither Christian nor idealistic but merely based on the practical view that a people denied a say in their own political future will sooner or later rebel. Thus far I can agree with Mr Kendall.

For the peaceful development of South Africa, Mr Kendall's "honest negotiations between leaders of all communities" are most certainly required, and preferably also the abolition of the notion of different communities, though this will obviously take time. Where I take issue with Mr. Kendall is over his call for "encouragement from outside", apparently in the form of economic and financial pressure.

Does Christian Concern for Southern Africa not understand that such presssure promotes the violent disorder they envisage, deflects attention from reform and channels activity rather into sanctions busting and defence; that I, and many like me, will in these circumstances be forced to support my Government, just as those with an eye to gaining power by revolution will be encouraged, thus polarising the country for civil war?

The future of South Africa is a matter for South Africans. The cessation of interference and the return of normal commercial diplomatic relations would help us more sensibly to develop that future. The irresponsible encouragement by so-called specialist institutions of steps calculated to increase violence, secure in the knowledge that it will not be theirs to endure, is an act of cynicism we can do without.

Yours faithfully,
J. L. INSLEY,
22 Bracewell Road, W10.

ON THIS DAY

DECEMBER 10 1914

On November 1 the German East Asiatic Squadron, under Admiral Graf von Spee, had defeated Admiral Cradock's outdated cruisers; he and 1,650 men lost their lives. A strong British force which included the battle cruisers Invincible and Inflexible was assembled which caught up with the German ships on December 8 and sank them. Like Cradock, von Spee went down with his ship.

BRITISH VICTORY OFF THE FALKLANDS.

A DRAMATIC RETRIBUTION.

(From Our Naval Correspondent.)

The announcement that a British squadron under the command of Sir Frederick Sturdee has met and defeated the squadron commanded by Admiral Graf von Spee, and that the latter's flagship with two other German cruisers has been sunk, is doubly satisfactory. This victory avenges the loss of Admiral Cradock and his gallant comrades and at the same time removes from the high seas the most important of the war-vessels that Germany has had at large. It is a dramatic act of retribution, and indicates that when the correct strategical course is followed the stroke falls hard and sure. . . .

Until we know much more than has been told at present, it is necessary to postpone fuller comment, but the country, while giving full credit to the capacity of the Admiral and to the splendid qualities which we are sure our seamen displayed, will also recognise that credit must be due to those at home for the masterly arrangements which made the victory possible and assured its completeness.

THE BATTLE OFF CORONEL.

It is just five weeks ago that Sir Christopher Cradock, with the Good Hope, Monmouth, and Glasgow, met the German squadron under Admiral Graf von Spee off the coast of Chile. Whether the British Admiral knew that he was likely to meet an enemy in superior force in those waters is not known, but with the gallantry and dash which were among his most notable characteristics he engaged the enemy, with lamentable results. Opposed to an overwhelming preponderance of gunfire, both the Good Hope and the Monmouth were quickly in a blaze and, fighting with undaunted courage to the last, the two vessels sank with all on board. The Glasgow alone of the three British ships engaged escaped. At the range at which the action took place the lighter armament on either side must have been all but useless, while in addition the weather conditions were against the full employment of the lower batteries of the British cruisers. On the other hand, the marksmanship of the German gunners was of the best, and from the small loss on their side they could have scarcely felt the effect of the British fire at all.

In the battle which is now reported to have taken place off the Falkland Islands, it is on the British side that the casualties are few in number, and it may be assumed, therefore, that the conditions were more or less reversed and that bigger ships and better shooting told as they always should. The bright features of the disastrous action of November 1 were the gallantry of the British Admiral and the courage and endurance of the British seamen. So also we may be sure that Admiral von Spee and the crews of his ships most gallantly contested the engagement, performed their duty to the end, and died with honour.

THE GERMAN VESSELS.

Of the three German ships which have now been sunk the Scharnhorst and Gneisenau are cruisers of 11,400 tons displacement, and before the war began had formed part of the squadron on the China station. They are sister ships, identical in every respect, being well protected by armour and having a powerful armament. This comprised eight 8.2-inch, six 5.9-inch, and fourteen 24-pounder guns, with four submerged torpedo-tubes. The heaviest guns threw a projectile weighing 275lb, while the 5.9-inch guns fired projectiles weighing nearly 100lb. Designed originally for 22.5 knots, both ships had exceeded this speed, but probably from the long time they have been out of dock they were not so fast in their later days. . . .

Badgering badgers

From Mr R. W. Rogers

Sir, For years we have had a flourishing colony of badgers in the boundary hedge of an arable field, where we welcome their presence. But when their excavations extend 20 or 30 yards into the crop we fill them in; the damage to a combine harvester if a wheel drops into one of their gigantic holes can run into hundreds of pounds.

The number of badgers shows no sign of decreasing, but judging by the size of the sett has increased steadily over the last few years.

Yours faithfully,
R. W. ROGERS,
Court Lodge, Horton Kirby,
Dartford, Kent.

Mother's pride

From Mrs R. P. Stiles

Sir, Whenever I have been asked for my occupation (letter, December 1) I have found that the title "household executive" has adequately described my occupation and life style.

Yours faithfully,
PAT STILES,
39 Longlands, Charmandean,
Worthing, West Sussex.
December 2.

COURT AND SOCIAL

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE

December 9: His Excellency Senhor Celso de Souza e Silva was received in audience by The Queen and presented the Letters of Recall of his predecessor and his own Letters of Credence as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary from Brazil to the Court of St James's.

His Excellency was accompanied by the following members of the Embassy, who had the honour of being presented to Her Majesty: Dr José Guilherme Merquior (Minister Counsellor), Senhor Synesio Sampaio-Goes (Minister Counsellor), Senhor Oto Agripino Maia (Minister – Consular Affairs), Captain Ayrton de Medeiros Cabral (Naval Attaché), Colonel José Ary Lacombe (Military Attaché), Colonel Guilherme Sarmento Sperry (Air Attaché), Senhor Frederico Cezar de Araujo (Counsellor, Administrative Affairs) and Senhor Ricardo Luiz Vianna de Carvalho (Counsellor, Commercial Affairs).

Senhora de Souza e Silva had the honour of being received by The Queen.

Mr Ewen Fergusson (Deputy Under Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs), who had the honour of being received by Her Majesty was present, and the Gentlemen of the Household in Waiting were in attendance.

His Excellency Citroyen Mukamba Kadiata Nzemba and Citoyenne Mukamba were received in farewell audience by The Queen and took leave upon His Excellency relinquishing his appointment as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary from the Republic of Zaire to the Court of St James's.

His Excellency Senor Luis M de Posadas and Senora de Posadas were received in farewell audience by The Queen and took leave upon His Excellency relinquishing his appointment as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary from Uruguay to the Court of St James's.

The Duke of Edinburgh, President of the Federation Equestre Internationale, accompanied by The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips, attended the FEI Bureau Meeting and Hearings at the Waldorf Hotel today.

Mr Brian McGrath was in attendance.

The Queen was represented by Sir David Akers-Jones (Acting Governor of Hong Kong) at the Funeral of His Excellency Sir Edward Youde (Governor and Commander-in-Chief of Hong Kong) which was held in St John's Cathedral, Hong Kong this morning.

Lady Susan Hussey has succeeded Lady Abel Smith as Lady in Waiting to The Queen.

CLARENCE HOUSE

December 9: Lady ELizabeth Basset has succeeded Mrs Patrick Campbell-Preston as Lady-in-Waiting to Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother.

KENSINGTON PALACE

December 9: The Prince of Wales, President, Business in the Community, this morning visited the South East Northumberland Enterprise Trust Workshop, Green Lane, Ashington.

His Royal Highness subsequently visited the Newcastle Youth Enterprise Centre, 25 Low Friar Street and the St Thomas Street Stables Project, St Thomas Street, Newcastle-upon-Tyne.

In the afternoon The Prince of Wales attended the Business in the Community Annual General Meeting at the Civic Centre, Newcastle-upon-Tyne.

His Royal Highness later left Newcastle Airport in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight for Royal Air Force Northolt.

Sir John Riddell, Bt. and the Hon Rupert Fairfax were in attendance.

The Prince of Wales this evening attended a Gala Performance of *The Magic Flute* to celebrate the 75th Anniversary of the National Association of Youth Clubs at the Royal Opera House, Covent Garden.

Lieutenant-Colonel Brian Anderson was in attendance.

The Princess of Wales, Patron, London City Ballet, this evening attended a Gala Performance of *Giselle* given by the Company at the Theatre Royal, Nottingham, in aid of London City Ballet Trust Ltd.

Her Royal Highness, attended by Miss Anne Beckwith-Smith and Lieutenant-Commander Richard Aylard, RN, travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight.

December 9: The Duke of Gloucester this morning visited Weetabix Limited and later opened The Weetabix Management Centre, Tresham College, Kettering.

His Royal Highness, who travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight, was attended by Lt Col Sir Simon Bland.

YORK HOUSE

ST JAMES'S PALACE

December 9: The Duchess of Kent, Patron, this afternoon attended the Annual Christmas Party of the 'Not Forgotten' Association at the Royal Mews, Buckingham Palace.

Mrs Peter Wilmot-Sitwell was in attendance.

Lady Lucinda Bellville gave birth to a son on November 28.

Dr Yvonne Burne, Head of Modern Languages at Northwood College, has been appointed Head of St Helen's School, Northwood, from September 1987.

A celebration for the life and work of Mr Stuart Young will be held at Guildhall at 11 am today.

A service of thanksgiving for the lives of Miss Elizabeth (Betsy) Profumo and Major Philip Profumo will be held in the Grosvenor Chapel, South Audley Street, at 11.30 today.

A service of thanksgiving for the life of Lord Crawshaw of Aintree will be held at St Margaret's, Westminster, at noon today.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr N.C.W. Campbell and Miss N.M. Montagu

The engagement is announced between Nicholas, youngest son of the late Professor Wilson Campbell and of Mrs Wilson Campbell, of Warkworth, Northumberland, and Nicole, daughter of the Hon David and Mrs Montagu, of London.

Mr C.W. Barnes and Miss M.J. Eades

The engagement is announced between Christian, son of Mr and Mrs O.E. Barnes, of Great Houghton Hall, Northamptonshire, and Melanie, daughter of Mr and Mrs K.R. Eades, of Sherwood, Nottingham.

Mr C. Couldwell and Miss R.M. House

The engagement is announced between Clive, son of Mr and Mrs L. Couldwell, of Cleveleys, Lancashire, and Rosalind Mary, daughter of Mr and Mrs D. House, of St Leonards-on-Sea, Sussex.

Mr O.G. Leed and Miss S.J. Cunningham

The engagement is announced between Owen Gordon, eldest son of Mr and Mrs D.S. Leed, of The Hague, Holland, and Sarah Jane, daughter of Mr and Mrs A. Cunningham, of Hayes, Kent.

Mr P. Wingfield and Miss E.M.R. Scott

The engagement is announced between Paul, only son of Mr and Mrs John Wingfield, of Selby, North Yorkshire, and Elizabeth, only daughter of Dr and Mrs John Scott, of Thorneycreek, Cambridge.

Mr J.K. Zealley and Miss F.M.B. Cooper

The engagement is announced between John, son of Dr and Mrs T.S. Zealley, of Colyton, Devon, and Fiona, daughter of Mr and Mrs G.B. Cooper, of Gifford, East Lothian.

Lincoln's Inn

Miss Lesley Elizabeth Appleby, QC, and Mr Roy Douglas Amlot have been elected benchers of Lincoln's Inn.

Luncheons

Royal Humane Society

Lieutenant-Colonel R. W. C. Charlton, Deputy Chairman of the Royal Humane Society, and the committee gave a luncheon yesterday at Haberdashers' Hall.

Among those present were: The Australian High Commissioner, the Canadian High Commissioner, Marshal of the RAF Sir John Grandy, Major-General Sir Leonard Atkinson, Vice-Admiral Sir Peter Compston, Miss Mona Mitchell, Mr P K Munn, Mr P H Hunter, Captain A G Russell, Dr B G B Lucas, Mr P K Lloyd, Colonel B M B Coats and Major A J Dickinson.

British Council

Sir John Burgh, Director-General of the British Council, was host at a luncheon held yesterday at 10 Spring Gardens in honour of Mr Christopher Patten, Minister for Overseas Development.

Reception

London Schools' Horse Society

Mr Harry Greenway, MP, Chairman, and members of the committee of the London Schools' Horse Society gave a reception at New Zealand House last night in honour of Lord Oaksey, president. Lieutenant-Colonel Sir John Miller, Crown Equerry, was among the guests.

Sale room

£160,000 for Boucher picture a 'surprise'

By Huon Mallalieu

A remarkably successful sale of Old Master paintings made £1,153,790, with just 2 per cent bought in, at Phillips yesterday.

There was one considerable surprise when a painting expected to make between about £4,000 and £6,000 sold to an anonymous London dealer for £159,500. It was catalogued as "Studio of Francois Boucher" and was said to "bear signature", meaning the cataloguer did not trust it. The subject was the Muse Polymnia whose function is to inspire heroic hymns.

An anonymous overseas bidder paid £85,800 for a pleasing pair of Rhineland landscapes, one with travellers, painted on copper by the elder Jan Griffier (estimate £40,000 to £60,000). A frozen winter landscape, again on copper and dated 1715, by the elder Jan Peter van Bredael reached £74,800, going to the same overseas bidder (estimate £35,000 to £50,000).

A morning session of Old Master drawings at Christie's produced £779,548 with 7 per cent bought in. The London dealers Baskett & Day paid £93,500 for a drawing of a musical party in red and black chalk by the eighteenth century Jacques André Portail, which had carried a modest estimate of between £4,000 and £6,000.

At Sotheby's, a morning session of ancient Chinese bronzes and ceramics proved yet again that this is one of the more chancy markets by producing a total of £357,962 and a bought-in figure of almost 50 per cent.

Dinners

Women's Advertising Club of London

The Rev Roger Royle was the guest speaker at the Christmas dinner given by the Women's Advertising Club of London at the Savoy Hotel yesterday. Mrs Lyndy Payne, president of the club, was in the chair.

West India Committee

The West Indies Trade Advisory Group and the West India Committee were hosts yesterday at a dinner at the Inner Temple in honour of the Governor of Puerto Rico and Mrs Colon. Mr Arnold Ship, Chairman of the West Indies Trade Advisory Group, presided. Among others present were: The Chairman of the West India Committee and Mrs Thornton, Mrs Ship, Mr and Mrs Antonio Colorado and Mr and Mrs F de Jesus Schuck.

European-Atlantic Group

Sir Antony Buck, QC, MP, sponsored a meeting of the European-Atlantic Group held yesterday at the House of Commons. Sir Curtis Keeble was in the chair. A dinner was held afterwards at the St Ermin's Hotel for Viscount Whitelaw, CH, Mr Tom Clarke, MP, and Mr Alan Beith, MP, who were the speakers. Lord Layton, president of the group, presided.

Among others present were: The French Ambassador and other members of the Diplomatic Corps; the Earl of Bessborough, Lord Banks, Lord Gladwyn, Lord Granchester, QC, and Lady Granchester, Lord Stewart of Fulham, CH, Sir Hugh Beach, Sir James and Lady Dunnett, Sir Hugh James, Sir Peregrine and Lady Rhodes, Mr David Crouch, MP, Mr Peter Temple-Morris, MP, Mr Kenneth Warren, MP, Mrs Elma Sasserfield and members of the Inter-Parliamentary Union and the Great Britain-USSR Association.

Institute of Chartered Secretaries and Administrators

The Lord Mayor, Sir David Rowe-Ham, and Lord Young of Graffham, Secretary of State for Employment, were present at the annual dinner of the Institute of Chartered Secretaries and Administrators held at Guildhall last night. Mr Bernard Brook-Partridge, president of the institute, presided. Among the other guests were: The High Commissioner for New Zealand, the Ambassador of South Africa and the Chinese Chargé d'Affaires.

MacRobert Trusts

To mark Industry Year a celebration dinner was held last evening at Ironmongers' Hall, sponsored by the MacRobert Trusts, to which had been invited all previous winners of the MacRobert Award. Air Marshal Sir Richard Wakeford, Chairman of the MacRobert Trusts, and Sir Denis Rooke, President of the Fellowship of Engineering, received the guests.

Among those present were: Representatives of previous winning organizations and individual winners, Trustees of the MacRobert Trusts, members of the award evaluation committee and officers of the Fellowship of Engineering.

Stoneham Langton & Passmore

On Tuesday evening the Partners of Stoneham Langton & Passmore held a dinner at the Savoy Hotel to mark the retirement of Mr John Nilsson as the senior partner and the appointment of Mr J. Grant Middleton as his successor.

Westland plc

Mr P.K. Levene, Chief of Defence Procurement for the Ministry of Defence, was the guest of honour at a dinner held at the Yeovil factory of Westland plc on Thursday, December 4. He presented awards to prize winners from the Westland Apprentice and Student Associations.

Among those present were: Mr H.P. Stewart, Westland Group Chief Executive, Mr W.T.C. Miller, Managing Director Technologies Division, Mr R. Zmood, President of Sikorsky Division of United Technologies Corporation, and Mr Bruno Cassigh, of Agusta spa.

Corporation of the Sons of the Clergy

The Treasurers of the Corporation of the Sons of the Clergy held a luncheon yesterday at the Army and Navy Club in honour of Mr Paul Griffin to mark his retirement as senior treasures of the corporation. Those present included: Mrs Paul Griffin, Mr and Mrs Michael Marshall, Prebendary and Mrs Arthur Royall, Brigadier and Mrs Ian Carlisle, Mr and Mrs Brian Coombes, Mr Alan Grant, Mr Arthur Green and Mr and Mrs Christopher Leach.

University news

Oxford

Dr Richard von Weizsäcker, President of West Germany, has been elected to an honorary fellowship of Balliol College.

Cambridge

Mr Alistair Cooke and Sir Alan Cottrell have been elected into honorary fellowships of Jesus College.

Liverpool

Grant

British Coal: £180,000 to Dr J S Watterson for the developments of methods of projection of geological structure data in coalfields.

Birthdays today

Sir Eric Berthoud, 86; Viscount Boyne, 55; Miss Rumer Godden, 79; Mr Cecil Hallett, 87; Lord Harris of High Cross, 62; Sir Clifford Jarrett, 77; Mr Michael Jopling, MP, 56; Miss J. M. Kenworthy, 53; Mr Nicolas Kynaston, 45; Mr Michael Manley, 62; Mr Oliver Messiaen, 78; Sir Jeremy Morse, 58; Sir John Peel, 82; Mr T. S. Roberts, 75; Mr M. T. Wright, 50.

Meeting

Chartered Institute of Transport

Mr P. Capon, Product Development Director of Leyland Trucks Limited, delivered the Henry Spurrier Memorial Lecture, "Technology, servant of commerce", to the Chartered Institute of Transport at Aston University, Birmingham, on Monday evening. The president, Mr G. Myers, Vice-Chairman of British Rail, presided.

Memorial Service

Miss R. Scott Addis

A service of thanksgiving for the life of Miss Robina Scott Addis was held yesterday at St Columba's Church of Scotland. The Rev W.A. Cairns officiated. Mr David Addis, nephew, read the lesson and Miss Joanna David read a poem by P'an Lang. Lady Bingley led the prayers and Professor Fred Stone, Chairman of the Child Guidance Trust, gave an address. Among those present were: The Hon Mrs M K Geddes and Mrs Jean Pownall (sisters), Mr and Mrs J F Cornes (brother-in-law and sister), Mrs Charles Addis (sister-in-law), Mr and Mrs Michael Warr, Professor and Mrs Tom Addis, Sir Dallas and Lady Bernard, Lieutenant Commander Charles Addis, Mrs Martin Graham, Mr R T Addis, Mr and Mrs Harold Quitman, Sir David and Lady Lawrence, Mr and Mrs Clive Lawrence, Mr and Mrs Martin Booth, Mr and Mrs James Douglas, Mr and Mrs Edmund Booth, Mr and Mrs Christopher Verity, Mr and Mrs David Kelly, Mr Colin Cornes, Mr and Mrs Andrew Strang, Miss Caroline Strang, Mr Dickon Addis, Miss Annabel Quitman, Miss Joan Hunter, Dr Robin Cleverley, Mrs Anne Cleverley, Miss Dominique Addis, Mr Jeremy Quitman, Lady Warr, Viscountess Hood, Lady Plowden, Lady Norman, Dame Margaret Wakefield, Lady Cecil Cameron, the Hon Sir Henry Fisher, the Hon Lady Vanneck, Lady Kinloch, Lady Chandler, Sir Paul and Lady Wright, Lady (James) Fawcett, Mr Giles Witherington (chairman, Save the Children Fund) with Miss S Watson; Mr Christopher Heathcoat-Amory (national director, MIND), National Association for Mental Health) with Mrs R Hussain, Mrs Barbara Poole, Mr William Bigley, Mrs Tessa Jowell, Dr David Boswell and Mrs J Coleridge (MIND management council) and Richmond Fellowship; Dr Miles Hardie (director-general, International Hospice Federation), Dr Anne Bolton (Royal College of Psychiatrists), Mr E D Barlow (Mental Health Foundation), Dr Josephine Lomax-Simpson (Messenger House Trust), Mrs Rosemary Seton (School of Oriental and African Studies, London University), Mr Lawrence Smith (Keeper of Oriental Antiquities, British Museum) with Mr Michael Rogers and Mrs J Rawson; Dr L Deguzman (Philippines Women's University), Miss Penny Brooks (Coral Britain-China Centre), Mrs E Norman-Butler, Mrs O Studdert-Kennedy, Miss Robina Hattersley, Dr John Bowlby, Professor and Mrs D Bye, Mrs Ralph Izzard, Major and Mrs Freeman Smith, Dr Anthea Blofeld and Dr Morris Carslairs.

Latest wills

Mr George Gordon Hole, of Hurstpierpoint, West Sussex, left estate valued at £1,000,932 net.

OBITUARY

MR CHRISTOPHER SYKES

Versatile man of letters

Mr Christopher Sykes, FRSL, author, died on December 8. He was 79.

Christopher Hugh Sykes was born in Yorkshire on November 17, 1907. A Roman Catholic, he was educated at Downside, the quality of whose religious education was influential throughout his life. He next spent a year at the Sorbonne where, he later recalled, "I sat for no exams, knowing I would fail." He then went to Christ Church, Oxford, leaving, in 1928, without a degree.

As a young man he showed talent as a draughtsman and cartoonist. He was also a keen huntsman.

That year he joined the Foreign Office and was posted to Berlin as hon attaché. Two years later he went to Tehran as private secretary to Sir Robert Clive. These experiences together convinced him that his future lay not in diplomacy but in writing.

By now he enjoyed reading French classics and spoke some German. But he had to accept that his speech in any language would always be afflicted by an incurable stammer. He set about writing his first book and called it *Changed*. It never saw the light of day, suppressed on the grounds that it libelled the Shah.

He put himself through a course of Persian studies at the School of Oriental Studies, and in 1933 left for two years' travel in Persia and Afghanistan, where he was, for a time, a correspondent for *The Times*. He afterwards wrote (1936-9) for *The Spectator* and *The Observer*.

He published his first book, *Wassmuss*, in 1936. This tragic tale, illustrated by the author, of a German diplomat who tried to raise the Persian nationalists against the British during the First World War, was Sykes's first "study in loyalty." Despite its stylistic excesses, it was well received.

Later that year, under the uninspired pseudonym Richard Waughburton, he wrote, with Robert Byron, *Innocence and Design. Stranger Wonders - Tales of Travel* appeared the following year. These experiences of Englishmen abroad are journeys as much through the mind as through terrain. Of the two companions, Sykes was by far the better linguist and the more reliable reporter.

At the outbreak of war he joined the Yorkshire regiment, The Green Howards, as a lieutenant, and was a staff captain at GHQ Cairo in 1940-1. For the next two years he was engaged in diplomatic duties at Tehran.

He returned to Cairo in 1943 to work for SOE. That year he published *High Minded Murder*, a book about the organization which he castigated as being too wrapped up in internal intrigue which had little to do with fighting the Germans. It was, he maintained, "the greatest hoax of the war." For this effort his superiors recommended that he be court-martialled.

He returned to England where he joined the 2nd Battalion SAS. The following year he was parachuted into France behind enemy lines. According to his commanding officer (recalled in John Hislop's autobiography *Anything but a Soldier*), Sykes was "in most respects unsuited to conditions of extreme physical hardship.

"As a parachutist he was inordinately clumsy, and as one of a small party usually surrounded by Germans he was inordinately noisy. His fluent French was invaluable. He showed great courage and his morale never flagged. He was ready to take anything that was coming to him, including my cigarettes." He was subsequently mentioned in despatches and awarded the Croix de Guerre.

In 1946 he was back in Persia, covering the Azerbaijan campaign for the *Daily Mail*. Thereafter he worked for the BBC, first as deputy controller of the Third Programme (1948), and then in the features department (1949-68). For a while, too, he drew cartoons for the *Sunday Dispatch*.

At the BBC he was able to put his knowledge of music to good use. *The Birth of an Opera*, a series of 20 programmes, was entirely his own work. He also produced programmes based on the novels of his friend Ivy Compton Burnett, as well as a controversial broadcast by another close friend, Evelyn Waugh.

All this left him ample time for his writing, to which he increasingly devoted himself. The most enchanting of his books is *Four Studies in Loyalty* (1946). A set of biographical portraits, the book won almost unanimous praise, though some were slightly shocked that he had shown a member of his family in an unfavourable light.

Two Studies in Virtue (1953), a book about the endless vacillations of a Victorian clergyman between Anglicanism and Roman Catholicism, and about Sykes's father, Sir Mark, is another skilful work.

Crossroads to Israel (1965) will for a long time remain standard reading for students of the Arab-Israeli conflict. The narrative is clear and vivid, despite the complexity of the subject, and although the author was, perhaps, marginally biassed towards Zionism, the treatment is scrupulous enough to give satisfaction to extreme partisans on neither side.

In his later years Sykes mainly concentrated on biography. His life of Orde Wingate (1959), whom he greatly admired, laid the ground for further studies, though it distressed Wingate's surviving relatives by its frankness. In 1968 he published *Troubled Loyalty: A Biography of Adam von Trott, the anti-Nazi German patriot who was one of those killed by Hitler after the July plot on 1944.*

At the request of her literary executors he successfully undertook the life of Nancy Astor (*Nancy*, 1972), showing, as a Roman Catholic, remarkable magnanimity towards one who reviled his faith. He then turned to the more complex subject of Evelyn Waugh.

Although it is an excellent book, *Evelyn Waugh* (1975) should not, perhaps, have been the official biography. It is more a memoir based upon intimate friendship. But, although it contains some mistakes of detail, it is a book whose merits no younger writer could have matched.

Sykes was a serious-minded man who valued above all else friendship and loyalty. Ebullient and a *bon viveur*, he had a gift for introducing hilarity into the most tedious occasions.

He married, in 1936, Camilla Russell, who died in 1983. He is survived by their only son.

SIR EUGENE MELVILLE

Sir Eugene Melville, KCMG, economist and diplomat, died yesterday. He was 74.

He was born at Dundee on December 15, 1911, and educated at Queen's Park School, Glasgow, and St Andrew's University, where he was one of the first Harkness scholars. He took Firsts successively in classics and economics.

He entered the Colonial Office in 1936. During the war he was in charge of the Colonies Supply Mission in Washington, on which the survival of the Colonies largely depended.

He returned to London in 1945 as private secretary to Lord Hall, Secretary of State for the Colonies. Four years later he was seconded to Germany as financial adviser to the control commission under General Robertson, in Berlin and Bonn. There he dealt with the Allies' legislation for the reform of German banking and industry after the war.

In 1952 he returned to the Colonial Office as assistant under-secretary in charge of a group of economic departments. After the 1956 reorganization, he had responsibility for principal strategic bases, including Gibraltar, Cyprus, Malta and Singapore.

During 1955 he was secretary-general of the Malta Round Table Conference which drew up a new constitution for the island.

He elected to move to the FCO in 1961; but almost immediately returned to West Germany as Minister (Economic) at the Bonn embassy.

In 1965 he was posted to Geneva as UK delegate to Efta and Gatt, becoming in addition ambassador to the UN the following year. In this post he made a notable contribution to the conclusion of the Kennedy round of tariff negotiations.

From 1971 to 1973 he acted as special adviser to the Anglo-French consortium working on a feasibility study for the Channel Tunnel. His training for this joint role of watchdog and negotiator lay in his experience in Geneva: detailed technical work, a head for figures, and patience enough for cooperation with the French. At that time the project fell by the wayside.

On retirement in 1973 he opted for something less tame than the path into commerce and industry trodden by other high-ranking diplomats. He became director-general of the National Association of Property Owners (later the British Property Association), which claimed to represent Britain's most unloved industry.

Melville, admitting that he was no expert in property, was charged with the task of rescuing the image of the British property developer. A counter-attack on their many critics was, he felt, long overdue. He built useful bridges between the association and Whitehall, leaving the post in 1980.

In 1976 he had made his home at Aldeburgh, Suffolk. There he was far from inactive. That year, at the invitation of Lord Britten, he took on the chairmanship of the newly-formed Aldeburgh Foundation, becoming its president in 1981, and resigning only because of ill health.

He married, in 1937, Elizabeth Maxwell Strachan, who survives him with their daughter and two sons.

AHMAD BEY al-KHALIL

Ahmad Bey al-Khalil, who died in Amman on December 7 at the age of 72, was one of the few surviving Palestinians who played an important role in the events of 1948 and their immediate aftermath.

Born in Haifa on May 17, 1914, into a wealthy and leading family, he went to school in Jerusalem and then to the American University of Beirut where he graduated in political science. He came to England in 1935 and studied law at Queens' College, Cambridge, graduating in 1939, and in the same year was called to the Bar by the Inner Temple.

On his return to Palestine he was appointed a stipendary magistrate, and occupied that post until the end of the British Mandate. In 1948 King Abdullah appointed him military governor of Nablus, and three years later he became governor of Jerusalem and head of the Jordanian delegation to the mixed Jordanian-Israeli Armistice Commission.

In 1953 he became a member of the Court of Appeal in Amman but stayed for only a year, resigning to set up a law practice which became one of the most successful in Jordan.

Al-Khalil was a man of great charm and abundant humanity, with a capacity for getting to the heart of the matter. His incisive wit in court, whether as judge or advocate, was proverbial.

He became a Jordanian senator in 1973, and retired eleven years later. He was nearly always a member of Jordanian parliamentary delegations overseas and his penchant for public relations was a valuable asset.

Al-Khalil did not involve himself directly in Palestinian politics. He accepted the unification of the West Bank with Jordan east of the river, and believed that the Palestinian identity could be better preserved and promoted in the Jordanian context. This policy was unpopular at one time, but he remained loyal to it and combined his support for the Jordanian regime with concern for the Palestinian people.

He was decorated by Jordan and was a close friend of King Husain and of successive Jordanian prime ministers. But he never lost the common touch. He was also a friend of Britain and was appointed OBE for services to the cause of Arab-British friendship, although he was at times severely critical of some of Britain's policies towards the Arabs and towards the Palestinians in particular.

Al-Khalil was an excellent sportsman and twice won Jordan's tennis doubles championship.

He is survived by his wife, Sumaya, and two sons and a daughter.

MR MAURICE DOCKRELL

Mr Maurice Dockrell, businessman and Lord Mayor of Dublin in 1960, the first Protestant to be elected to the office in 60 years, died yesterday. He was 78.

Born in Dublin in 1908, and educated at St Andrew's College and Trinity College, Dublin.

The family business (in *Ulysses* there is a reference to "Dockrell's ninepenny wallpaper,") was one of the first Dublin firms to re-employ those of its staff who had been gaoled for participating in the 1916 Rising.

In 1943 he took his seat as a Fine Gael deputy in the Dáil, retaining it until 1977. In 1948, when his party was in government, he declined to support the decision to take the Republic out of the Commonwealth. During a visit to London in 1960 he laid a wreath at the Cenotaph, an act of piety that involved some political risk.

It was a mark of his public stature that he was appointed by De Valera, a political opponent, to the Council of State, on which he served until his death.

He was very genial, and his salty wit combined with practical wisdom enriched any gathering. A talented pianist, he was a governor of the Royal Irish Academy of Music.

He is survived by his wife, Isobel, and their son and three daughters.

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BIRTHS, MARRIAGES DEATHS

I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.
St John 8 . 12

BIRTHS

BARTLETT - On December 7th 1986, to Monica (née Newhouse) and Philip, the gift of a daughter Jessica Jane.

BOYD-GIBBINS - On December 7th 1986, to Gerry (née Kiely) and Grant, a daughter Edwina.

BROOK - On December 8th, at St Mary's Paddington, to Rosie and Patrick, a daughter.

BROWNE - On December 4th, to Jennifer (née Beeston) and Julian, a daughter, Amy Musgrave.

COFFIN - On December 6th 1986, at Torbay Hospital, to Henrietta (née Blackborow) and Ray, a son Thomas Edward.

COLLYER-BRISTOW - On December 8th, at Westminster Hospital to Alison and Simon, a daughter, Eleanor May.

COOPER - On December 6th, to Joanna and Thomas, a son. A brother for Louisa and Emma.

CROOME - On November 19th 1986, to Linda (née Rolph) and Richard, a son Oliver Roderick. A brother for Joanna Elizabeth.

DEVONSHIRE - On Friday December 5th 1986, to Wendy and Mark, a son James Mark.

FOTHERINGHAM - On November 24th 1986, at Gleneagles Hospital, Singapore, to Elizabeth (née Newell Price) and Andrew, a son Thomas Charles, a brother for Sarah.

HORDEN - On December 4th 1986, at St Lukes Hospital, Guildford, to Catherine (née Lock) and David a daughter Charlotte Elizabeth Rose.

HOULDSWORTH - On December 8th, to Melanie and Nigel, a daughter.

NORTH - On November 18th 1986, to Helen (née Best) and Jeremy, a son Joseph.

RICHARDSON - On December 4th 1986, at Cheltenham to Susan (nee Fairbarns) a daughter - a sister to James, Thomas and Edward.

RODDISON - On December 7th, to Maria (née Gaynor) and John, a daughter Nancy Katarina.

SMITH - On December 6th 1986, at the Elsie Ingles Maternity Hospital, Edinburgh, to Nicole (née English) and Peter, a son Mathew McGregor.

STAFFORD - On December 7th, at Heatherwood Hospital, Ascot to Sue and Andy, a daughter, Gemma Rachel.

TRATT - On December 6th 1986, at Lewisham Hospital, to Hilary and Richard, a beautiful daughter, Hazel Yvonne.

TRIGG - On December 6th 1986, in Vienna, to Jacqui and Jonathan, a daughter Victoria Joy. (Woolfenden)

WOOD-ALLMOND - On December 6th 1986, to Patricia and Michael, a son Benjamin Douglas

MARRIAGES

GALLI-ZUGARO:HEPPER - On 6th December in Italy, Paulo to Jonquil. Their address is Via Archimede 195, Flat 9, 00197 Rome.

PERRY : STRICKLAND- On Friday December 5th, quietly in London Anthony Perry to Valerie Strickland (nee Woodbridge).

DEATHS

BOND - On December 7th 1986, at Kestrel Grove Nursing Home, after a long illness, Marjorie Elizabeth aged 79. Cremation at Putney Vale Crematorium on Friday December 12th at twelve noon, no flowers, no letters please.

CAMILLERI - On December 8th, suddenly, at King Edward VII Hospital, Midhurst, Frank John, beloved husband of Jane. Service at St Bartholomew's Church, Haslemere, Surrey, Monday 15th December at 12 noon. Flowers to Harris & Barnes Ltd., 28 Haslemere Road, Liphook. Tel: 0428 722180.

COLLIER - On December 8th, at St. Peter's Hospital, Jack Henry of Woking, aged 74. Dearly loved father of Rosemary. Service at St. John's Crematorium, Woking Friday December 12th at 3.30 pm. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to The Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice, c/o The Woking Funeral Service, 119/121 Goldsworth Road, Woking, Surrey. GU21 1LR.

COLLINS - On December 9th 1986, after a brief illness, at home in Crowcombe, Somerset, Jean Wright aged 82, widow of Douglas H Collins and much loved mother of Charles and Catherine. A Cremation Service will take place at the Crematorium, Taunton on Friday 12th December at 1.30pm.

CRISP - On December 5th 1986, in hospital, Dorothy Violet, aged 88 of Newnham, Cambridge and formaly of 16 Kings Parade Cambridge. Funeral service at All Saints Church, Harston, Cambs, at 12.30pm on Friday December 12th. Flowers may be sent and enquiries to Harry Williams and Sons, 7 Victoria Park, Cambridge. Tel: 0223 359480

DALE - On December 6th, suddenly at King Edward VII Hospital, Midhurst, Tony, of Grayshott, Hindhead, Surrey. Beloved husband of Elizabeth and dear father of Carolyn and Susan. Funeral service at Guildford Crematorium on Thursday December 11th at 12.30pm. No flowers at his request, donations if desired to the Arthritis and Rheumatism Council for Research, 41 Eagle Street, London, WC1R 4AR.

FLEMING - On December 8th, peacefully in her sleep at Portsmouth Hospital, Hester Leonie, much loved mother of Susan and Belinda and wonderful grandmother to her six grandchildren. Funeral to be arranged.

GREENOAK - *On December 7th*, peacefully in hospital, Francis Buchanan of Leiston, Suffolk. Dearly loved husband of Lorraine and father of Francesca, Gavin and Adrian and grandfather of Robert, Joanna, Alice and Howarth. Cremation at Ipswich West Chapel, 12.30pm on 12th December. No flowers please.

GUNNERY - On December 8th 1986, peacefully at home, Will, beloved husband of Verity. Private cremation. Details of service of Thanks Giving to be announced later.

HARKNESS - On December 8th 1986, Sheila Mary aged 92, wife of the late Robert Coltart Harkness F.R.C.S. Mother of Christine and Linda and sister of Fiona McMillan. Funeral private. Family flowers only.

HOLLAND - On December 8th, suddenly but peacefully, Noel James Trevenen, dearly loved husband of Denise and father of Charles. Cremation at Charing Crematorium 11.30 am Friday 12th December. Family flowers only please and if desired donations to the Pilgrims Hospice, Canterbury

LEIGH - On December 5th 1986, in Hospital, Dr Stanley Leigh, beloved husband of Liz. Cremation at Golders Green (West Chapel). Thursday December 11th at 12 noon. No flowers please. Donations if desired, to The Charing Cross Hospital, Holiday Dialysis Trust, Fulham Palace Road, London W6

MACKAY - On December 2nd, peacefully in Tregaron Hospital, Ruth (née Jebb) alias G3YL of Ellesmere, Shropshire and T.R.E. Malvern. Funeral private. Memorial Service at St Mary's, Ellesmere, 12 noon Monday December 22nd. Donations, to Save the Children (Jebb Scholarship Fund).

MALLIK - On December 6th, Theodora Christine (nee Stanley) (Jarvis) ARIBA., AA., Dip., of St John's Jerusalem, Sutton at Hone, Kent. No flowers or mourning, please. Funeral at 12.45 at St Botolph's, Lullingstone, on 12 December. Donations, if desired, to A.F.A.S.I.C. 347 Central Markets, London EC1.

MARTIN - On Friday December 5th, Corona Academy are sad to announce the loss of their Casting Manager John. Sadly missed by wife Muriel and all collegues and friends. Private Funeral.

MONSON - On December 4th, suddenly in hospital, Margaret. Funeral at St. James' Parish Church, Bushey at 12 noon on Friday, December 12th. No flowers please. Donations if desired to N.S.P.C.C. or Childline.

MURPHY - *On December 4th*, Michael, beloved husband of Marie-Louise, father of Helen and Peter, and grandfather of David, Danielle and Victoria, peacefully and with dignity at his home. Much loved by all his family and friends. Funeral service at Christ the King Church, Wimbledon Park, on Friday 12th December at 1.30pm, followed by interment at Putney Vale Cemetery.

PARRISH - On December 5th, after a short illness, Lt./Cmdr. Joseph Reginald DSC RN (retired). Cremation on Friday December 12th at 3.30pm at Mortlake Crematorium. Donations if desired to the R.N.L.I., or if preferred flowers to T.H. Sanders, 28-30 Kew Rd., Richmond, Surrey.

PENMAN - On December 8th 1986, at the Radcliffe Infirmary, Oxford. Bruce Penman, M.A., Translator, aged 69 years of Caversham, Reading. *Darling husband of Jennifer, loving father of Amanda and Guy and much missed master of Reg his dog.* Funeral Service at Reading Crematorium on *Tuesday* December 16th at 2 pm. Family flowers only, donations if desired to the RSPCA (Reading Branch) c/o A B Walker & Son Ltd, 36 Eldon Road, Reading, RG1 4DL.

PETT - On December 7th, William Harold (Bill), after a long life, lived with enthusiasm, dearly loved husband of Peggy, loved and loving uncle of Joan, Miranda, Alex, Hugh MacPhail (USA), and Bryan Magee. Funeral at St Marylebone Crematorium, East End Road, N2, at 11.30 on Monday 15th December. Family flowers only. If wished, donations to St Joseph's Hospice, Mare Street, London E8.

POWLES - On December 8th, suddenly and peacefully at Sutton Scotney Manor, Barbara, aged 83, widow of Stephen (late of Chorlim, Kenya) mother of Frank, John, Peter and Richard and grandmother of twelve. Private funeral at Snailwell, Newmarket, on Friday 12th December. Family flowers only.

ROBINSON - On December 7th 1986, Ruth Milner Robinson, wife of the late Dr Valentine Charles Robinson. Enquiries to Mr J. M Robinson Tel: 0242 44810.

SAVAGE - On December 5th 1986, David Michael of 24 The Reddings, Welwyn Garden City, Herts, aged 42. Dearly loved husband of Rosemary and very loving father of Dominic, Richard and Ben. Service at the Holy Family Roman Catholic Church, Knightsfield, Welwyn Garden City, on Monday December 15th at 2 pm. All enquiries to W Austin & Sons. (Funeral Director) Stonehills, Welwyn Garden City. Tel: 0707 331077

SCOTT - On December 7th, tragically in a motor accident. David beloved son of Karin and John, brother of Samantha. Service on December 11th at 10am at The Holy Family Church, Alma lane, Hale, Farnham, Surrey.

SKELLERN - On December 5th, after a short illness, Flora, aged 86 of Alresford Road, Winchester. Mother of Margaret, Elizabeth and the late Eileen. Funeral service in Winchester Cathedral tomorrow December 11th 1.30pm. No flowers please, donations if desired to Age Concern c/o John Steel & Son, Chesil House, Winchester.

SPRAY - On December 6th, peacefully in Marlborough soon after her 94th birthday, Edith Emily Prideaux, dearly loved, widow of the Revd T R Spray, mother of Bill and Bob, grandmother of Paul, Christopher, Andrew, Rachel and Michael, greatgrandmother of Clare, Benjamin and Alan.

SWINGLER - Olive Mary, sister of Marion. Requiem Mass at Olton Friary, Warwickshire on 12th December 1986 at 11am.

SYKES - On December 8th, peacefully at Sledmere, Christopher Hugh, in his 80th year. Family funeral only. Flowers to H Naylor and Sons, East Gate, Driffield (Tel: Driffield 433 38).

THOMSON - On December 7th, suddenly, William Linton. Dearly loved father of Penny and father-in-law of Jonathan, sadly missed by his many friends. Private cremation. Memorial Service at Christchurch, Christchurch Street, (off Flood Street) London SW3, on Monday December 15th at midday. Flowers to Harrods Funeral Service, 49 Marloes Road, W8. 01 937 0372. Or donations, if *preferred to the British Heart Foundation.*

WACHMAN - On December 2nd, tragically in New York, Edward Lawrence. Dearly loved younger son of Patricia and Alfred and brother of Richard. Cremation at Golders Green Crematorium, Hoop Lane, London, NW11 at 3 pm Wednesday December 10th. No flowers.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

A MEMORIAL SERVICE - for those who lost their lives in the helicopter tragedy of Sumburgh on 6th November 1986, will be held in the Kirk of St Nicholas, Aberdeen, on Friday 12th December at 1.30pm.

ROSE - Frank William, O.B.E., J.P., of Worth Court, Worth, Sandwich. A Memorial Service is to be held on Friday, December 19th at St. Clements Church, Sandwich at 2pm.

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COVEN - In cherished memory of Rale, very loved mamma, December 10 1957. Frank and Edwina.

POPPER - David. In cherished memory of my Father, December 11th 1974 and my Mother, Beatrice, January 20th 1954 and my Brother, Basil, December 10th 1952. Always remember the happy times. Alexander.

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Science report

Soviets sweeten straw for use as cattle feed

By Andrew Wiseman

Soviet agronomists are developing a form of fodder, cheap to produce, yet rich in essential hydro-carbons and other nutrients by concentrating on raw materials previously considered to be waste: straw, wood and even peat.

According to the Soviet Academy of Agricultural Sciences, of the 200 million tonnes of straw gathered in the Soviet Union annually, about one third is fed to livestock. Compared to grain, stems of straw are tough and dry, and animals don't like eating them.

Grinding it, introducing flavour additives or steaming it did not improve its nutritious values. Mixing it with lime, caustic soda and liquid ammonia did, but the process took up to two months.

The academy evolved a hydrobarothermal method, subjecting the straw simultaneously to water, pressure and temperature in an autoclave.

Bales of straw, whose moisture content was first raised 70 per cent, were placed in the autoclave. Pressure was set at between 6 to 6.5 atmospheres, the temperature at 155-165C and the entire process lasted between 120 and 150 minutes.

After that the carbohydrate in the cells of the stalks decomposed into sugar, the content of which rose ten times. The sugared straw was much easier to chew and digest. Cattle took to the new fodder, milk yields increased by over 10 per cent (with fat and protein contents not affected) and the weight of the animals rose by nearly 15 per cent.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BROWN nee BAILEY, LUCY MAY BROWN nee BAILEY, WIDOW late of The Beeches Old Peoples' Home, Darnhall Crescent, Bilborough, Nottinghamshire died There on 22nd February 1986
(Estate about £12,000)

HARRIS, CHARLES HAROLD PAGGETT HARRIS late of 32 Harborough Road, Oadby, Leicester died There on or about 30th March 1986
(Estate about £38,600)

HORNER, FREDERICK MATTHEW CLIFFORD HORNER late of 1 White Hart Court, Hart Village, Hartlepool, Cleveland died There on 8th February 1986
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(Estate about £7,000)

THOMSON, FREDERICK GEORGE THOMSON, late of 135 Beeches Road, Chelmsford, Essex died There on 12th May 1986
(Estate about £51,000)

TURNER, LEONARD TURNER late of 221 Middle Road, Cwmdra, Swansea, West Glamorgan died There on or about 20th February 1985
(Estate about £18,000)

WARD, CHARLES ERNEST WARD late of The Winston Nursing Home, 31 Crook Log, Bexleyheath, Kent died There on 11th September 1986
(Estate about £51,000)

WIGGINS formerly CREWES nee SENNER, EVA MARY WIGGINS formerly CREWES nee SENNER, WIDOW late of Violet Harmer Lodge, Swanborough Drive, Brighton, East Sussex died There on 29th March 1986
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PASTORAL MEASURE 1983
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LEGAL NOTICES

MACMILLAN BLOEDEL HOLDINGS (UK) LIMITED
Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 175 Companies Act 1985 that:
(a) The above-named Company has approved a payment out of capital for the purpose of acquiring its own shares by redemption:
(b) The amount of the permissible capital payment is £2,974,656 in respect of the redemption at par of 3,000,000 of the 6,885,864 issued 12 per cent redeemable non-cumulative preference shares of £1 each in the Company registered in the name of MacMillan Bloedel Limited. A special resolution approving the payment out of capital was passed at an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company held on 4th December 1986:
(c) The statutory declarations made by all the directors for the time being of the Company and the report of Messrs Price Waterhouse, auditors to the Company, addressed to the directors of the Company and required by section 173 of the Companies Act 1985 are available for inspection on any weekday (Saturdays and public holidays excepted) until 9th January, 1987 at the registered office of the Company at:
Lion House, Red Lion Street, Richmond, Surrey, England TW9 1RF
(d) A creditor of the Company may, within 5 weeks immediately following 4th December 1986, apply to the court under section 176 Companies Act 1985 for an order prohibiting the payment.
BY ORDER OF THE BOARD
J.C. STEFF
SECRETARY
MACMILLAN BLOEDEL HOLDINGS (UK) LTD

IN THE MATTER OF NOTEWORTHY ENGINEERS (SALES) LIMITED AND IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985
Notice is hereby given that the creditors of the above-named Company, which is being voluntarily wound up, are required, on or before the 2nd day of January 1987, to send in their full Christian and surnames, their addresses and descriptions, full particulars of their debts or claims, and the names and addresses of their Solicitors (if any), to the undersigned Peter Scholey Dunn, FCA of 30 Eastbourne Terrace, London W2 6LF, the Liquidator of the said Company, and, if so required by notice in writing from the said Liquidator, are, personally or by their Solicitors, to come in and prove their debts or claims at such time and place as shall be specified in such notice, or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are proved.
DATED this 21st day of November 1986
P.S. DUNN
LIQUIDATOR

COWLARD COMPUTER SERVICES LIMITED
(In Creditors' Voluntary Liquidation)
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the creditors of the above-named Company are required, on or before the 31st day of December 1986, to send their names and addresses, with particulars of their debts or claims to the undersigned Neil Hunter Cooper, of Robson Rhodes, 186 City Road, London EC1V 2NU, the Liquidator of the Company; and if so required by notice in writing from the said Liquidator either personally or by their Solicitors, to come in and prove their debts or claims at such time and place as shall be specified in such notice and in default thereof, they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are proven.
DATED this 26th day of November 1986
NEIL H. COOPER
LIQUIDATOR

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DATED this 26th day of November 1986
NEIL H. COOPER
LIQUIDATOR

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DATED this 26th day of November 1986
NEIL H. COOPER
LIQUIDATOR

BRAEMAR INVESTMENTS LIMITED
Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 588 of the Companies Act, 1985, that a Meeting of the Creditors of the above named Company will be held at 78 Hatton Garden, London, EC1N 8JA on Thursday the 11th day of December 1986 at 12.30pm, for the purposes mentioned in Sections 589 and 590 of the said Act.
DATED this 1st day of December 1986
By Order of the Board
S.C. SINCLAIR
DIRECTOR

PARLIAMENTARY NOTICES

IN PARLIAMENT
SESSION 1986-87
LONDON REGIONAL TRANSPORT

Notice is hereby given that application is being made to Parliament in the present Session by London Regional Transport ("the Corporation") for leave to introduce a Bill under the above name or short title for purposes of which the following is a concise summary:-

To empower the Corporation and London Underground Limited ("the Company") to construct works and acquire lands and for other purposes, as follows:-

1. Construction of the following works in Greater London -

Works to be constructed by the Company -
Work No. 1 - A subway and lift shaft at the Company's Angel station in the London borough of Islington:
Works Nos. 2 and 3 - Two railways (244 metres and 227 metres in length), being additional sidings south and north respectively of the Company's Finchley Central Station in the London borough of Barnet.:
Work No. 4 - A railway (210 metres in length), being additional sidings in the Company's Stonebridge Park Depot in the London borough of Brent:

Works to be constructed by the Corporation -
Work No. 5 - A railway (410 metres in length) at Pudding Mill Lane in the London borough of Newham to form part of Work No. 1 being constructed under the London Docklands Railway Act 1985.

2. Special provisions in connection with the construction, of the proposed works, including the bridging by Work No. 5 of Pudding Mill Lane and Marshgate Lane, Newham.

3. Acquisition by the Company for Work No. 1 and by the Corporation for Work No. 5 of lands, or subsoil or new rights only, and power to use lands, in the areas aforesaid, including provision for acquisition of subsoil or new rights only in certain cases; temporary possession of land by the Company to enable them to construct Work No. 1; extinction of rights of way over the lands to be acquired or used and special provisions as to entry and compensation.

4. Further power for the Company to acquire lands in the London boroughs of Southwark and Tower Hamlets for the purpose of reconstructing and enlarging the ticket halls at Elephant and Castle and Wapping stations respectively.

5. Power for the Company to open up the surface of Torrens Street in the London borough of Islington, to stop up temporarily part of that street and to narrow and stop up a further part of that street; and power for the Corporation to interfere with the surface of, and to stop up temporarily, parts of Pudding Mill Lane and Marshgate Lane in the London borough of Newham.

6. Power for the Corporation to make provision for the payment of additional fares on the proposed railway comprising Work No. 5.

7. Application of section 168 of the Road Traffic Act 1972 to the British Transport Police Force in respect of an alleged offence at a level crossing or on a road forming an access or approach to premises of the Corporation.

8. Provision for the amalgamation into a single Scheme of the London Transport Pension Fund and the London Transport 1970 Superannuation Fund.

And Notice is further given that plans and sections of the intended works, including plans of the lands proposed to be acquired or used compulsorily, together with a book of reference to such plans, have been deposited for public inspection with the Chief Executive and Town Clerk of the London Borough of Barnet at Town Hall, The Burroughs, Hendon, London NW4 4BG, with the Chief Executive of the London Borough of Brent at Brent Town Hall, Forty Lane, Wembley HA9 9HD, with the Chief Executive of the London Borough of Islington at Town Hall, Upper Street, London N1 2UD, with the Chief Executive of the London Borough of Newham at Town Hall, Barking Road, London E6 2RP, with the Chief Executive of the London Borough of Southwark at Town Hall, Peckham Road, London SE5 8UB and with the Chief Executive of the London Borough of Tower Hamlets at the Town Hall, Patriot Square, London E21 9LN.

On an after 4th December 1986 a copy of the Bill for the intended Act may be inspected and copies obtained at the price of 50p each at the under-mentioned offices.

Objection to the Bill may be made by depositing a Petition against it. If the Bill originates in the House of Commons, the latest date for depositing such a Petition in the Private Bill Office of that House will be 30th January 1987. If it originates in the House of Lords, the latest date for depositing such a Petition in the Office of the Clerk of the Parliaments in that House will be 6th February 1987. Further information may be obtained from the Office of the Clerk of the Parliaments in the House of Lords, the Private Bill Office of the House of Commons or the under-mentioned Parliamentary Agents.
DATED 3rd December 1986
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Solicitor

SHERWOOD & CO.,
Queen Anne's Chambers
- 3 Dean Farrar Street
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London SW1H 9LG
Parliamentary Agents

IN PARLIAMENT
SESSION 1986-87
LONDON DOCKLANDS RAILWAY (BECKTON)

Notice is hereby given that application is being made to Parliament in the present Session by London Regional Transport ("the Corporation") for leave to introduce a Bill under the above name or short title for purposes of which the following is a concise summary.-

1. Construction of works in the London Boroughs of Newham and Tower Hamlets to provide an extension of the Docklands Railway to Beckton comprising connections (Works Nos. 1 and 2 respectively 366 metres and 871 metres in length) with the Docklands Railway, as authorised by the London Docklands Railway Acts 1984 and 1985, a new railway (Work No. 3, 7,763 metres in length) to Beckton and an extension (Works Nos. 4 and 5 respectively 687 metres and 56 metres in length) into the site of the former Beckton Holder Station gas works; including special provision in connection with the construction, use and maintenance of the proposed works and as to the use of electrical power on the proposed railways and the bridging of a part of the river Lea known as Bow Creek:

2. Acquisition of lands, or new rights only, and power to use lands, in the areas aforesaid. Extinction of rights of way over the lands to be acquired or used and special provisions as to entry and compensation.

3. Power for the Corporation to stop up, divert or narrow parts of specified streets or roads in the London boroughs of Newham and Tower Hamlets; to open up the surface of parts of specified streets in the said London boroughs and to divert the footpath in the London borough of Newham between Tidal Basin Road and Victoria Dock Road and which crosses the North Woolwich line of the British Railways Board by means of a bridge.

4. Power for the Corporation to make provision for the payment of additional fares on the proposed railways.

And Notice is further given that plans and sections of the intended works, including plans of the lands proposed to be acquired or used compulsorily, together with a book of reference to such plans, have been deposited for public inspection with the Chief Executive of the London Borough of Newham at his office at the Town Hall, Barking Road, London E6 2RP and with the Chief Executive of the London Borough of Tower Hamlets at his office at the Town Hall, Patriot Square, London E2 9LN.

On and after 4th December 1986 a copy of the Bill for the intended Act may be inspected and copies obtained at the price of 50p each at the under-mentioned offices. Objection to the Bill may be made by depositing a Petition against it. If the Bill originates in the House of Commons, the latest date for depositing such a Petition in the Private Bill Office of that House will be 30th January 1987. If it originates in the House of Lords, the latest date for depositing such a Petition in the Office of the Clerk of the Parliaments in that House will be 6th February 1987. Further information may be obtained from the office of the Clerk of the Parliaments in the House of Lords, the Private Bill Office of the House of Commons or the under-mentioned Parliamentary Agents.
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Relatives of dead to see new Sir Galahad launch

By Peter Davenport, Defence Correspondent

Relatives of the Welsh Guardsmen who died in the bombed landing ship Sir Galahad in the Falklands war have been invited to attend the launching ceremony for her replacement.

Fifty men died in the worst single tragedy of the conflict and the television pictures of the desperate efforts to rescue those trapped on board were among the most vivid legacies of the fighting.

The subsequent documentary on the ordeal of one of the survivors, Guardsman Simon Weston, horrifically burned and struggling to return to a life as near normal as possible, also ensured that memories of the Sir Galahad disaster did not fade.

On Saturday her successor will be launched at the Swan Hunter yard at Wallsend, on Tyneside, by Lady Tippet, wife of the Chief of Fleet Support, Vice Admiral Sir Anthony Tippet.

The event will be watched by 23 relatives of the men who died, most of them Welsh Guards, and by Mr Ken Adams, her former chief engineer, who was awarded the Queen's Gallantry Medal for removing a 1,000lb bomb from the landing ship just days before she was fatally hit.

The earlier Sir Galahad sailed for the South Atlantic on April 6, 1982 with 250 Marines on board. On May 24, three days after arriving at the Falklands, she was hit by the bomb which lodged in the battery charging room but failed to explode.

On June 8 she sailed to the Fitzroy settlement and it was while preparing to land her party of Welsh Guards at Bluff Cove that she and the landing ship Sir Tristram were bombed by an Argentine aircraft. They immediately caught fire, and the Sir Galahad was still burning on June 25 when she was towed out to sea and sunk as a designated war grave.

Yesterday the lessons learned by her loss were outlined by Mr Alex Marsh, the joint managing director of Swan Hunter.

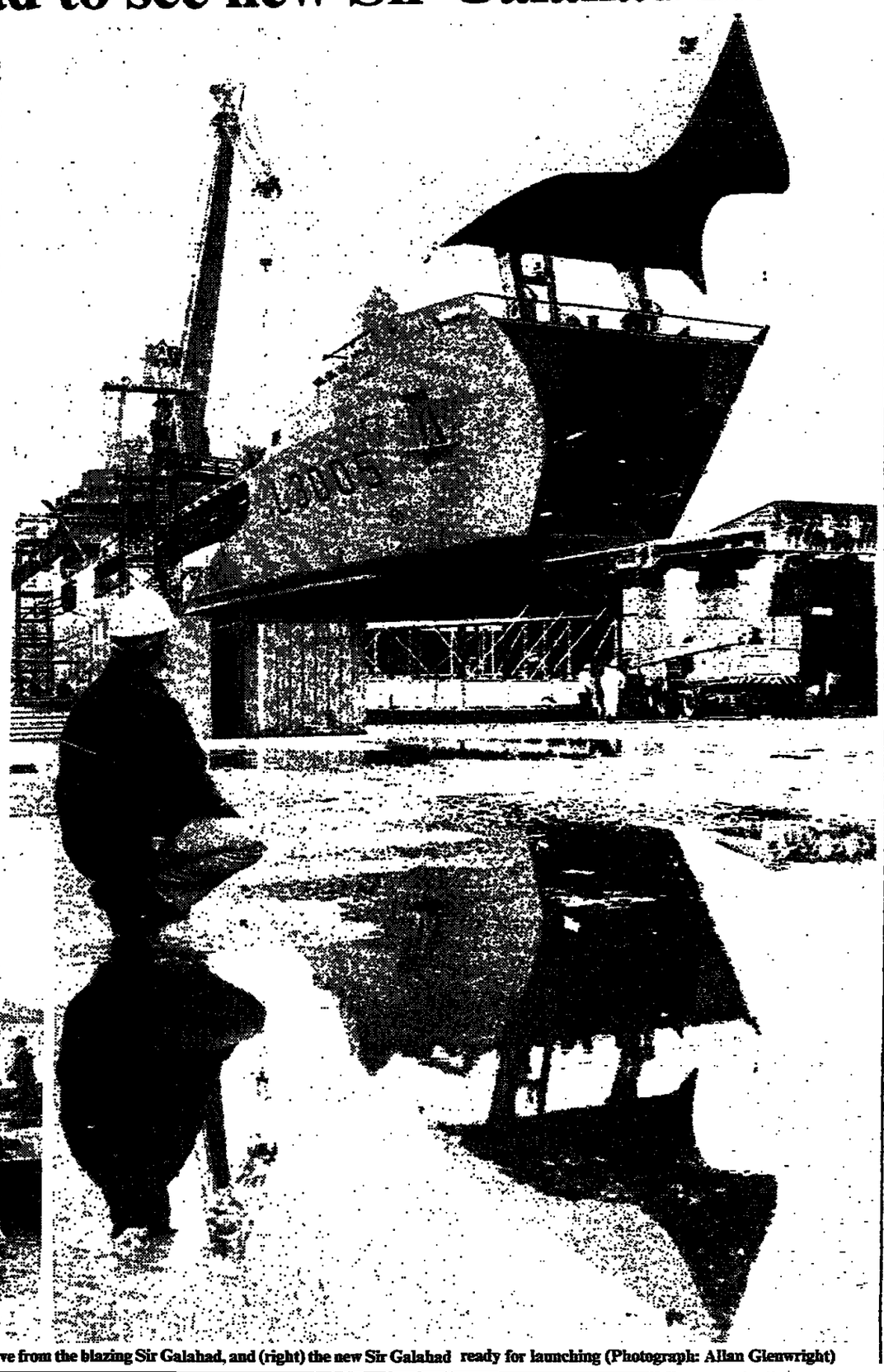
The £40 million vessel will be bigger, stronger and more powerful, with improved firefighting facilities, damage control, escape routes and fireproof materials to protect the 339 Marines and 52 sailors she can carry.

The earlier Sir Galahad had aluminium deckhouses which melted in the fire and soft furnishings which gave off lethal fumes. Her successor has an all-steel superstructure, flame-resistant furniture and a system to disembark troops quickly.

The vessel, 140 metres long, can also hold 18 Chieftain tanks, 20 heavy vehicles and launch large helicopters and assault craft.

Mr Marsh said: "We cannot say that the tragedy of the first Galahad would not happen again but the lessons of the Falklands have been incorporated into the design.

"From the point of view of the architects it showed how designs that were developed over the past 25 years actually performed in practice."



Survivors of the Argentine air attack are landed at Bluff Cove from the blazing Sir Galahad, and (right) the new Sir Galahad ready for launching (Photograph: Allan Glenwright)

Nyerere predicts bleak short-term future for Africa

LAGOS (Reuter) – Africa cannot throw off the burdens of poverty, neo-colonialism and human rights abuses until it stops apologising for its existence, Mr Julius Nyerere, one of the continent's most respected elder statesmen, said here.

The former Tanzanian President, in an address studded with unsparing self-criticism, predicted a short-term future for Africa which was gloomy both economically and politically.

"Until now Africa has not admitted, even to itself, the truth about its post-independence status in the world.

"Even regional political unity has proved very difficult to achieve. The Founding Fathers of independent Africa – of whom I am one – have failed our people in this important respect," he said.

The optimism at independence 25 years ago had been replaced by pessimism, he said, as the continent remained tied to its old colonial masters, powerless to prevent its foreign debt from piling up and unable to fulfil its people's hopes for democracy and human rights.

Mr Nyerere, at 64 white-haired but fit and sparkling with humour, kept his audience enthralled for over two hours on Monday night at the Nigerian Institute of International Affairs.

The *Mwalimu* (teacher in Swahili) was delivering the keynote address at the think-tank's 25th anniversary celebrations, the high point of a five-day private visit to Nigeria.

Despite the bleak realities he painted, Mr Nyerere saw better times ahead if Africa began by collectively acknowledging its present neo-colonial status.

"Then we will reject that status and begin to struggle against it.

"We will stop apologising for our existence, our poverty, or our demands for justice," he said.

He drew roars of laughter from the political, military and diplomatic élite gathered to hear him, when he mocked the way African countries had been fobbed off at independence with the trappings of nationhood, but not the substance.

"We had presidents, flags, national anthems. I used to get a 21-gun salute, and it looked fine.

"But too many of us are still satisfied with that status. It is ridiculous, we're unfree."

Mr Nyerere, who stepped down as president last year after 23 years but retained the chairmanship of Tanzania's sole political party, gave a roll-call of the economic handicaps crippling the continent.

After the rapid progress of the 1960s in combatting poverty, disease and underdevelopment, per capita income in real terms had declined since 1981. Africa's debt burden was the highest of any region in the world once related to the size of its economy, he said.

Many countries, including Tanzania, had less foreign exchange than could pay for a single month's imports, he added.

Indonesian warning on human rights curbs

Jakarta (AFP) – A leading Indonesian human rights lawyer said yesterday that government actions against freedom of expression in Indonesia had become a state habit and may be getting worse.

Mr Mulya Lubis, director of the Legal Aid Institute, said a human rights commission should be set up in Parliament and a directorate of human rights should be added to the Attorney-General's office. Monitoring of human rights could then be carried out more comprehensively.

Referring to the closure of two newspapers and the blacking out of foreign press articles in the past six months, he said: "It seems to have become a state habit carried out in the name of national interest."

Mr Lubis' recommendations were contained in a Legal Aid Institute report on the state of human rights in Indonesia during 1986 released yesterday.

He said overall human rights fared neither better nor worse than in 1985, with a positive move in Indonesia's signing the United Nations Convention against torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment in October 1985.

But with regard to press freedom, he said the most worrying development was the closure of the country's second largest daily, *Sinar Harapan*, last October.

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Today's events

Royal engagements

The Duke of Edinburgh, President of the International Equestrian Federation attends a dinner and presents the prizes for the TARMAC/FEI International Showjumping Competition at Saddlers' Hall, 7.15.

Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother dines with the Benchers at the Middle Temple, 7.45.

The Prince of Wales visits the Royal Fine Art Commission, 7 St James's Square, 3; and attends a reception to mark the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Knightsbridge Association at Knightsbridge Barracks, 6; and as President of the Prince's Trust, accompanied by the Princess of Wales, attends a charity concert given by the Eurythmics, in aid of the trust, at Wembley Arena, 8.

The Duke of Gloucester visits the United Biscuits Factory at Waxlow Road, Harlesden, NW10, 11.

The Duchess of Gloucester, Patron of the Foundation for the Study of Infant Deaths (Cot Death Research and Support) attends the premiere of "*An Italian Straw Hat*" at the Theatre of Comedy, Shaftesbury Avenue, 7.55.

The Duke of Kent opens the new tunnel for the A1 (M) in Hatfield, 11.45; and a new extension to the Hertfordshire Police Headquarters, Welwyn Garden City, 12; then opens the new offices for the Broxbourne Borough Council, Hertforshire, 2.45.

The Duchess of Kent, President, attends the Congregation of Awards Ceremony at the Royal Northern College of Music, Manchester, 12.25.

Last chance to see

A Reputation Amongst Artists: work by 8-10 new artists, Norwich School of Art Gallery, St George Street, Norwich; Mon to Sat 10 to 5 (ends Dec 2).

Music

A Concert of Carols by The Bristol Junior Choir: St George's, Brandon Hill, Bristol, 7.

Recital: Thomas Trotter, Birmingham Town Hall, 1.

Carols in the Courtyard: National Trust, Canons Ashby House, Canons Ashby, Daventry, 7.30.

Geoffrey Chaucer School Carol Service: Nave, Cathedral Church of Christ, Canterbury, 7.30.

Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra: play Haydn, Bartok and Dvorak, Wessex Hall, Poole, 7.30.

Strathclyde University Chamber Orchestra in concert at Assembly Hall, University of Strathclyde, Montrose Street, Glasgow, 8.

Concert by Ladies of the Hallé Choir; includes Sibelius, Mozart and Holst, Free Trade Hall, Manchester, 7.30.

Hampshire Fire Brigade Carol Service: Winchester Cathedral, 7.30.

The London Brass Virtuosi: the world's first professional brass band appear at Wigan's Mill, Wigan, 7.30.

Talks, lectures

Stepping Out Into The Universe: by Dr T Shanks and Dr J R Lucey on distances in the Universe, James Duff Lecture Theatre, University of Durham, Physics Dept, South Road, Durham, 7.30.

General

Visual Arts at Plymouth Arts Centre: Christmas cracker crafts for sale, 38 Looe Street, Plymouth, (ends Dec 24).

It's Christmas: Bexhill Floral Group Demonstration, De La Warr Pavilion, Bexhill-on-Sea, 2.30.

Beauty and the Beast: presented by Tweed Theatre Company, High School, Peebles, (until Dec 13).

17th and 18th century English sculpture, 12, and 17th and 18th century dress in the Dress Collection 2.30, V and A Museum, Cromwell Road entrance.

A Life in Movies: Michael Powell, ICA, The Mall, SW1, 1.

Books - hardback

The Literary Editor's selection of interesting books published this week:
Aphrodisias, City of Venus Aphrodite, by Kenan T Erim (Muller, Blond & White, £35)
Falconry and Hawking, by Phillip Glasier (Batsford, £25)
Head Above Water, by Buchi Emecheta (Ogwugwu Afo, £12.95)
Print and Culture in the Renaissance, Essays on the Advent of Printing in Europe, edited by Gerald P Tyson and Sylvia S Wagonheim (Associated University Presses, £25.50)
The British School at Athens, The First Hundred Years, by Helen Waterhouse (Thames & Hudson, £18)
The Sistine Chapel, Michelangelo Rediscovered, edited by Massimo Giacometti (Muller, Blond & White, £40)
Us and Them, A Study of Group Consciousness, by W.A. Elliott (Aberdeen University, £12.50)
Victorian Jews through British Eyes, by Anne and Roger Cowen (Oxford, £25)
Whitaker's Almanack 1987 (Whitaker, £13.95)
Working Dress, A History of Occupational Clothing, by Diana de Marly (Batsford, £17.50)

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The pound

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.255	2.135
Austria Sch	21.10	19.90
Belgium Fr	82.70	59.10
Canada $	2.025	1.935
Denmark Kr	11.3	10.7
Finland Mkk	7.47	6.97
France Fr	9.77	9.27
Germany Dm	3.00	2.83
Greece Dr	235	215
Hong Kong $	11.38	10.68
Ireland Pt	1.103	1.043
Italy Lira	2080	1960
Japan Yen	244	230
Netherlands Gld	3.38	3.20
Norway Kr	11.20	10.60
Portugal Esc	232	210
South Africa Rd	3.95	3.35
Spain Pta	199.5	186.5
Sweden Kr	10.30	9.75
Switzerland Fr	2.505	2.365
USA $	1.485	1.415
Yugoslavia Dnr	820	720

Rates for small denomination bank notes only as supplied by Barclays Bank PLC. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques and other foreign currency business.

Retail Price Index: 388.4

London: The *FT* index closed 8.9 up at 1284.4.

Roads

London and the South-east: A30: Delays in Staines near Shorts Lane. **A404:** Delays near Wembley Hill Road. **A1M:** Hatfield tunnel opens lunchtime, reducing delays.
The Midlands: M5: Roadworks junctions 5 (Droitwich) to 6 (Worcester). No access northbound at junction 6. **A456:** Bypass construction at Bewdley is disrupting route to Birmingham. **A1:** Roadworks northbound between Peterborough and Huntingdon.
The North: M6: Lane closures at junction 23 (Merseyside). **M61:** Roadworks northbound junctions 3 to 6 (Greater Manchester). **A19:** Lane and entry/exit closures between Leven Valley viaduct and Crathorne interchange.
Wales and West: M5: Lane restrictions northbound between junctions 20 (Clevedon) and 21 (Weston super Mare); lane closures both directions between junctions 26 and 27 (near Wellington). **A30:** Eastbound lane closed for resurfacing, Camborne bypass.
Scotland: A720: Width restrictions Drumbrae Road South, Edinburgh. **Inverness:** Width restrictions at Kenneth Street roundabout. **A81:** Repairs on Rednoch Bridge, east of port of Montieth, delays.

Anniversaries

Births: **César Franck**, Liège, 1822; **Emily Dickinson**, poet, Amherst, Massachusetts, 1830.

Deaths: **Paolo Uccello**, painter, Florence, 1475; **Alfred Nobel**, chemist and industrialist, founder of the prizes bearing his name, San Remo, Italy, 1896; **Sir Joseph Hooker**, director of the Royal Botanic Gardens 1865-85, Sunningdale, Berks, 1911; **Charles Rennie Mackintosh**, architect, London, 1928; **Luigi Pirandello**, Rome, 1936; **Damon Runyon**, writer, author of *Guys and Dolls*, 1946; **Henry Cowell**, composer, New York, 1965.

Parliament today

Commons (2.30): Teachers' Pay and Conditions Bill, remaining stages.
Lords (2.30): Debates on the housing situation and on Government measures to combat Aids.

Christmas Post

Today is the last recommended date for posting Christmas airmail parcels and packets to most European and eastern European countries, and for surface mail to BFPO 15 - 49, Exercises in Europe, 801 - 809, 811, 813, 825, and HM Ships in European waters.

Portfolio Gold

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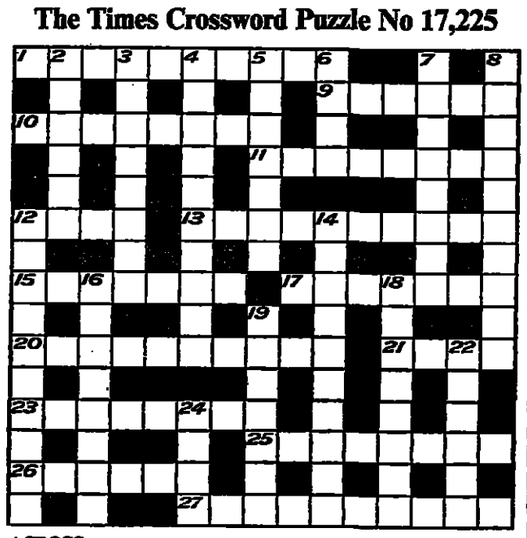

ACROSS
1 Correct suit for London society (6,4).
9 Support for what is laid on the table (3-3).
10 Witticism by Jim sounds cheap (8).
11 Basis for the diviner studies of the Romans (8).
12 The spirit of Japan echoed by this writer (4).
13 Ferris takes seat in manually-controlled vehicle (10).
15 Schoolman returns annotation to Scots boy (7).
17 Collage size increased (5-2).
20 Psychiatrist can be liable to contract (10).
21 Assistant gets the wrong idea (4).
23 Tully, born dragoman (8).
25 Gipsy gent with money for health food (3,5).
26 Exit the anonymous Dark Lady (6).
27 Pooh's there, representing a believer in divine intuition (10).

DOWN
2 A problem one doesn't begin to imagine, somehow (6).
3 Naiad concealed by sea monster from islander (8).
4 Early riser gets a work medal perhaps (6,4).
5 Lucerne, for example, is allowed a little water (7).
6 Bowed to talent (4).
7 Busy outside at start (8).
8 Address a postal order to half the chorus (10).
12 Material witness to a shooting (10).
14 Editorial reduced — there's no one in the van (10).
16 Written down about the best performance (2,6).
18 Rent reduction greeted with *this? Surely not* (4-4).
19 Head's side gives old boy some lines (7).
22 The cost, commonly, of injury (6).
24 Kind of house where love finds a way (4).

Solution to Puzzle No 17,224

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WEATHER

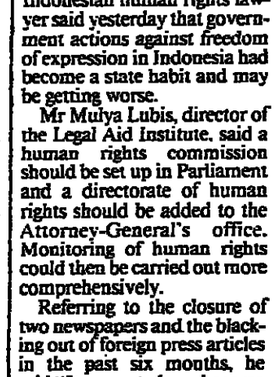
A ridge will move E as fronts approach W districts. Most places will have a crisp and frosty start to the day. Clearer showery weather will reach NW. Temperatures will be close to normal but it will become windy. Outlook for tomorrow and Friday: Continuing unsettled. Rain clearing, followed by colder weather with showers but further rain reaching W parts later.

HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM HT	PM HT
London Bridge	8.27 6.0	9.22 6.2
Aberdeen	9.03 3.5	9.05 3.7
Avonmouth	1.42 10.5	2.18 10.9
Belfast	6.27 3.0	6.43 3.3
Cardiff	1.27 9.8	2.03 10.2
Devonport	12.38 4.5	12.58 4.7
Dover	5.53 5.7	6.56 5.5
Falmouth	12.08 4.3	12.28 4.5
Glasgow	7.51 4.1	8.12 4.2
Harwich	6.38 3.5	7.34 3.6
Holyhead	5.53 4.5	6.03 4.9
Hull	12.42 6.4	2.06 6.0
Ilfracombe	12.46 7.2	1.23 7.6
Leith	10.04 4.8	10.22 4.9
Liverpool	5.24 7.6	5.43 8.1
Lowestoft	3.45 2.3	5.33 2.1
Margate	6.39 4.2	7.49 4.1
Milford Haven	1.07 5.5	1.38 5.9
Newquay	12.07 5.6	12.38 5.9
Oban	1.12 2.9	1.55 3.4
Penzance	- -	12.14 4.7
Portland	1.40 1.5	1.49 1.7
Portsmouth	6.39 4.2	7.10 3.9
Shoreham	6.14 5.4	6.50 5.0
Southampton	6.27 4.0	6.47 3.8
Swansea	1.12 7.2	1.47 7.7
Tees	11.39 4.5	11.29 4.7
W'ton-on-Nze	6.19 3.6	7.17 3.6

Tide measured in metres: 1m=3.2808ft.

AM



PM

LIGHTING-UP TIME

London 4.22 pm to 7.26 am
Bristol 4.32 pm to 7.35 am
Edinburgh 4.09 pm to 8.03 am
Manchester 4.20 pm to 7.45 am
Penzance 4.50 pm to 7.41 am

Sun rises: 7.55 am
Sun sets: 3.52 pm
Moon sets 1.30 am
Moon rises 1.13 pm
Full moon December 16

AROUND BRITAIN

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Scarboro	*	.33	10	50	rain
Bridlington	*				
Cromer	*				
Lowestoft	-	-	11	52	cloudy
Clacton	0.1	-	11	52	cloudy
Southend	-	-	12	54	cloudy
Margate	*	.01	12	54	shower
Folkestone	-	.01	12	54	rain
Hastings	-	.02	12	54	shower
Eastbourne	-	.01	12	54	rain
Brighton	-	.05	11	52	rain
Worthing	-	.10	13	55	rain
Littlehmptn	-	.09	12	54	rain
Bognor R	-	.06	12	54	rain
Southsea	-	.11	12	54	rain
Sandown	-	.04	12	54	shower
Shanklin	-	.08	12	54	rain
Bournemth	-	.39	12	54	rain
Poole	-	.78	12	54	rain
Swanage	-	.37	12	54	rain
Weymouth	-	.34	12	54	rain
Exmouth	-	.71	12	54	gale
Teignmouth	-	.63	13	55	dull
Torquay	-	.78	13	55	gale
Falmouth	-	1.04	13	55	rain
Penzance	1.4	1.07	13	55	gale
Scilly Isles	1.6	.94	13	55	gale
Jersey	0.4	.13	12	54	rain
Guernsey	0.3	.11	13	55	rain
Newquay	*				
Ilfracombe	*	.90	12	54	shower
B'pool Airpt	-	.45	11	52	rain
Morecambe	-	.40	12	54	rain
Douglas	-	.55	11	52	rain
B'ham Airpt	-	.50	11	52	rain
Bristol (Cnt)	-	.35	12	54	rain
Carlisle	-	.42	11	52	rain
London	-	.03	13	55	rain
Manchester	-	.37	12	54	rain
N'cstl-n-Tyne	-	.30	10	50	rain
Nottingham	-	.39	11	52	rain
Anglesey	-	.84	12	54	rain
Cardiff (Cnt)	-	.37	12	54	rain
Colwyn Bay	*				
Tenby	0.5	.86	13	65	rain
Aberdeen	-	.17	5	41	rain
Edinburgh	-	.35	7	45	rain
Eskdalemuir	-	.67	7	45	rain
Glasgow	-	.37	6	43	rain
Kinloss	-	.02	5	41	rain
Lerwick	-	-	6	43	cloudy
Prestwick	-	.30	7	45	rain
Stornoway	2.5	.04	6	43	bright
Tiree	-	.01	7	45	cloudy
Wick	-	-	5	41	cloudy
Belfast	-	.19	6	43	rain

These are Tuesday's figures
*Figures not available

YESTERDAY

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

		C	F			C	F
Belfast	c	9	37	Guernsey	f	9	48
B'mgham	s	8	45	Inverness	s	3	37
Blackpool	f	8	46	Jersey	s	10	50
Bristol	f	9	48	London	s	10	50
Cardiff	f	8	46	M'chester	s	6	43
Edinburgh	s	5	41	Newcastle	s	6	43
Glasgow	f	6	43	R'dsway	c	8	46

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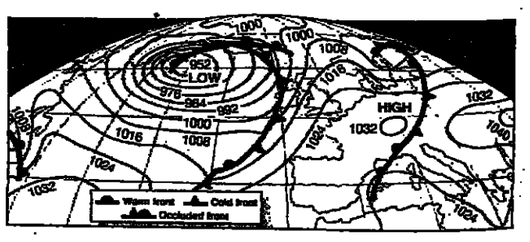

ABROAD

MIDDAY: c, cloud; d, drizzle; f, fair; fg, fog; r, rain; s, sun; sn, snow; t, thunder.

		C	F			C	F			C	F
Ajaccio	c	15	59	Cologne	c	11	52	Majorca	f	15	59
Akrotiri	s	18	64	C'phaga	s	5	41	Malaga	s	14	57
Alex'dria	c	20	68	Corfu	s	16	61	Malta	f	18	64
Algiers	c	13	55	Dublin				Melb'rne			
Amst'dm	r	9	48	Dubrovnik	s	15	59	Mexico C'	s	19	66
Athens	f	12	54	Faro	s	15	59	Miami'	s	28	82
Bahrain	s	18	64	Florence	c	12	54	Milan	r	4	39
Barbados'	c	27	81	Frankfurt	c	5	41	Montreal'	s	-18	0
Barcelna	r	10	50	Funchal	c	18	64	Moscow	s	-6	21
Beirut				Geneva	r	5	41	Munich	s	3	37
Belgrade	s	4	39	Gibraltar	s	15	59	Nairobi	f	23	73
Berlin	s	4	39	Helsinki	c	1	34	Naples	s	15	59
Bermuda'	f	20	68	Hong K	s	20	68	N Delhi	f	25	77
Biarritz	f	12	54	Innsbruck	s	7	45	N York'	f	7	45
Borde'x	s	12	54	Istanbul	c	7	45	Nice	r	11	52
Bout'ne	s	8	48	Jeddah	s	27	81	Oslo	r	6	43
Brussels	f	9	48	Jo'burg'	f	24	75	Paris	s	9	48
Budapest	f	-1	30	Karachi				Peking	s	8	46
B Aires'				L Palmas				Perth	s	20	68
Cairo	f	19	66	Lisbon	s	13	55	Prague	c	-1	30
Cape Tn	s	25	77	Locarno	c	7	45	Reykjvik	f	-2	28
C'blanca	f	17	63	L Angels'	s	18	61	Rhodes	s	18	64
Chicago'	d	4	39	Lucerne	c	7	45	Rio de J	c	22	72
Ch'church	s	16	61	Madrid	s	9	48	Riyadh	s	22	72
Majorca	f	15	59	Rome	f	14	57
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Malaga	s	14	57	Salzburg	s	5	41
Malta	f	18	64	S F'risco'	s	12	54
Melb'rne				Santiago'	s	28	82
Mexico C'	s	19	66	S Paulo'			
Miami'	s	28	82	Seoul	s	7	45
Milan	r	4	39	Sing'por	f	29	84
Montreal'	s	-18	0	St'kholm	c	4	39
Moscow	s	-6	21	Strasb'rg	c	6	46
Munich	s	3	37	Sydney			
Nairobi	f	23	73	Tangier	f	14	57
Naples	s	15	59	Tel aviv	f	17	63
N Delhi	f	25	77	Tenerife	s	23	73
N York'	f	7	45	Tokyo	s	14	57
Nice	r	11	52	Toronto'	sn	-10	14
Oslo	r	6	43	Tunis	f	16	61
Paris	s	9	48	Valencia	s	14	57
Peking	s	8	46	Vanc'ver	s	1	34
Perth	s	20	68	Venice	c	8	46
Prague	c	-1	30	Vienna	c	-3	27
Reykjvik	f	-2	28	Warsaw	s	2	36
Rhodes	s	18	64	Wash'ton	c	12	54
Rio de J	c	22	72	Wel'mton	s	12	54
Riyadh	s	22	72	Zurich	fg	3	37

' denotes Monday's figures are latest available

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STOCK MARKET

FT 30 Share
1284.4 (+8.9)

FT-SE 100
1635.9 (+12.5)

Bargains
35432 (33250)

USM (Datastream)
129.32 (+0.39)

THE POUND

US Dollar
1.4215 (+0.0050)

W German mark
2.8700 (+0.0228)

Trade-weighted
68.3 (+0.3)

Imperial Tobacco cuts jobs

The Imperial Tobacco Company is to cut about 350 jobs at its head office in Bristol.

The company will consolidate administration, production and distribution in a single building. Including cuts announced last year, 550 non-manufacturing jobs will go over the next 12 months.

The company said yesterday that it expected all job losses to be absorbed by normal or early retirement or voluntary redundancy. It said also that its cigarette sales were under continuing pressure from high tobacco taxes and the growth of cheap own-label imports.

Gas shares active again

Trading in British Gas shares was extremely active yesterday, but it did not match the record-breaking volumes of Monday's debut. A total of 301 million shares changed hands by 5.30 pm, compared with 821 million on Monday. Dealings towards the close were struck at 61½p, 1p down on Monday's close.

Norcros up

Norcros, the building materials and packaging group, reported pretax profit up 8.6 per cent to £20.1 million in the half year to September 30. Turnover rose 2 per cent to £312 million and the interim dividend was increased by 7 per cent to 3p net.

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Magnet buys

Magnet and Southerns, the manufacturer and retailer of timber products, has bought more than 1 million shares, or approximately 1 per cent of the equity, in its fellow timber and builders' merchanting group, Meyer International, which announced increased pretax profits, in the first half — from £13.2 million to 20.2 million.

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Granada leaps

Granada Group, the television to bingo and motorway services combine, is looking for further acquisitions after pretax profits leapt 41 per cent from £64.4 million to £92.4 million in the year to September 27.

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Strong pact

Strong and Fisher, the leather manufacturer, has undertaken not to increase its stake in Garnar Booth above 17 per cent during the course of the Monopolies and Mergers Commission investigation into its bid.

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MARKET SUMMARY

STOCK MARKETS

New York
Dow Jones ..... 1932.09 (+1.83)*
Tokyo
Nikkei Dow ..... 18602.74 (–107.96)
Hong Kong:
Hang Seng ..... 2440.35 (+9.06)
Amsterdam: Gen ..... 285.8 (–0.1)
Sydney: AO ..... 1440.3 (+12.6)
Frankfurt:
Commerzbank ..... 2063.6 (+4.6)
Brussels:
General ..... 4131.69 (+16.39)
Paris: CAC ..... 407.9 (+4.9)
Zurich: SKA Gen ..... 563.80 (same)
London: FT. A ..... n/a
FT. Gilts ..... 81.53 (+0.19)

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INTEREST RATES

London: Bank Base: 11%
3-month interbank 11½-11⅜%
3-month eligible bills: $10^{23}/_{32}$–$11^{11}/_{16}$% buying rate
US: Prime Rate 7½%
Federal Funds $5^{15}/_{16}$%*
3-month Treasury Bills 5.47-5.45%*
30-year bonds $102^{23}/_{32}$–102⅛*

CURRENCIES

London:	New York:
£: $1.4215	$: £1.4225*
$: DM2.8700	$: DM2.0190*
$: SwFr2.4023	$: SwFr1.6905*
$: FFr9.5032	$: FFr6.6165*
$: Yen231.20	$: Yen162.57*
$: Index:68.3	$: Index:111.2
ECU £0.727149	SDR £0.845520

MAIN PRICE CHANGES

RISES:

Natwest	499p (+11p)
Glaxo	945p (+20p)
Royal Insurance	846p (+19p)
Whitecroft	248p (+12p)
Samuel Heath	395p (+45p)
Tace	360p (+20p)
Goring Kerr	265p (+20p)
Cap Group	193p (+7p)
Diploma	214p (+13p)
Caffyns	228p (+10p)
Jaguar	530p (+7p)
Associated News	366p (+8p)
Eucalyptus Pulp	875p (+22p)
ICI	1119p (+9p)
Saatchi & Saatchi	722p (+13p)
Attwoods	222p (+9p)
Mountleigh	1083p (+23p)
Cons Gold Fields	265p (+8p)
Redfearn	325p (+7p)

FALLS:

Granada	287p (–30p)

Prices are as at 4pm

GOLD

London Fixing:
AM $389.20 pm-$386.80
close $386.75-387.25 (£272.00-272.50)
New York:
Comex $387.00-387.50*

NORTH SEA OIL

Brent (Jan) pm $14.55bbl ($14.70)
* Denotes latest trading price

Bank sees 'signs of distress'

Warning on credit cards

By Richard Thomson, Banking Correspondent

The Bank of England gave a warning to banks and other lending institutions yesterday that the rapid growth in lending to personal customers, particularly through credit cards, could prove dangerous to the individuals and the institutions concerned.

Mr Brian Quinn, head of banking supervision, said: "There are certain signs of growing distress among borrowers who have overstretched themselves, attracted by greater availability of credit and easier terms.

"The rapid growth, in particular, in the use of credit and charge cards is adding another substantial and partly invisible layer of commitments to the individual borrower."

Banks, he said, should consider slowing their personal lending before the volume of arrears became a matter of concern.

In a speech to the twelfth World Banking Conference in London, Mr Quinn commended the innovative policies of the banks but said that they may find themselves moving at too fast a pace. The danger signals were beginning to emerge already despite more sophisticated lending policies and a relatively low level of defaults on loans.

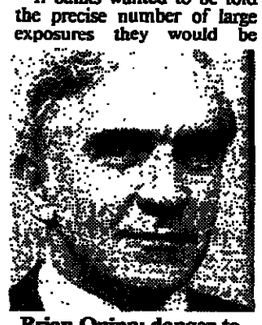
This comes after warnings given by the Governor of Bank of England, Mr Robin Leigh-Pemberton, that personal lending on mortgages could lead to hardship among borrowers who could not afford the repayments.

Mr Quinn also cautioned banks against lending too much to individual commercial customers under the pressure of greater competition.

Some banks were revising upward their internal limits on the acceptable maximum facility they could offer to corporate customers.

But the threshold at which the Bank takes an active interest in a large exposure — 10 per cent of a bank's capital — would remain strongly in force

If banks wanted to be told the precise number of large exposures they would be allowed without having to increase their capital, they were likely to receive an "ultra-cautious" answer. Any bank wanting inflexible supervisory rules would cause the Bank to question the quality and style of its management.



Brian Quinn: danger to to individuals

Mr Quinn said that he was troubled by a shift towards the insistence by some banks on the letter rather than the spirit of supervisory rules.

The Bank has traditionally regulated the City by the spirit of the rules but it may be losing ground to a different philosophy of market behaviour.

Banking supervisors in different countries were moving to harmonize their regulatory systems in many areas, particularly in securities business which was becoming an increasingly important part of most banks operations.

Mr Quinn said that the loosening of close relationships between banks and their clients could damage the prudential framework of banking business. Greater securitisation, when debt could be sold easily to another lender, led to "a more impersonal way of doing things.

"If nothing else, such a trend would seem to me not to be helpful in maintaining high ethical standards."

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Clayton Yeutter: "Congress is boiling over with frustration"

US 'may retaliate' in trade dispute

By Our Industrial Correspondent

Mr Clayton Yeutter, the US trade representative, gave warning in London yesterday that the US was running out of patience in the bitter trade disputes with Europe.

He told the Confederation of British Industry in London: "President Reagan cannot hold back protectionism if there is a perception that other nations are closing their markets to US exports. And that perception is becoming so widespread in the US that Congress is boiling over with frustration.

"Retaliation is not our objective — expanded trade is. Retaliation is the step of last resort in responding to unfair trade practices but it is a step we will take if we must."

At this week's meeting of US and European Economic Community ministers in Brussels, Mr Yeuttere will say that US resentment may be uncontainable unless rapid agreement is reached, particularly on the issues of Spain's and Portugal's accession to the EEC and continuing government funding of Airbus.

The US claims to have lost $500 million in exports of sorghum and maize to Spain and fears that $600 million of oilseed sales to Spain and Portugal could also be hit.

Mr Yeutter said: "The EEC cannot use its enlargement as an opportunity to gain a trade advantage." An interim solution to the dispute expires in three weeks. If a permanent solution were not reached, by the end of the month, the US would have "no alternative but to protect its trade rights" and had a right under the Gatt to be compensated for the several hundred million dollars in trade damage.

He said protectionist sentiment was strong in the US, particularly where job losses and bankruptcies were blamed on imports, especially subsidized or dumped imports.

The US was very concerned about the level of government subsidy contemplated for the proposed A330 and A340 Airbus and would ask for political-level talks in Europe in January.

British Aerospace, the wing maker for the Airbus consortium, is seeking up to £750 million of state launch aid to cover its share of the work.

Loss-making Tricentrol to target N Sea

By Carol Ferguson

Tricentrol, the debt-laden British independent oil company, yesterday announced losses for the third quarter of this year.

A pretax loss of £5.6 million brings the total loss for the first nine months to £7.8 million.

An extraordinary write-off of £58.7 million in respect of its reorganized American assets was taken below the line.

The majority interest in these assets is in the course of being sold, leaving Tricentrol with a 29 per cent interest.

The sale will raise £60.3 million to be applied in reducing Tricentrol's debt. On completion of the deal, Tricentrol will have a net debt of £119.7 million, 1.35 times its shareholders' funds of £88.2 million.

Tricentrol's main producing oilfield, Thistle, is in decline and output for the nine months was 10 per cent lower than the same period last year.

The company's average selling price for its oil per barrel was £9.71, less than half last year's selling price of £20.65.

After tax, exploration and the interim dividend payment, there was a net cash outflow in the first nine months of this year of £2.6 million.

If there were no further oil or gas field developments, Tricentrol expects to be cash neutral next year.

However, the start of construction at the onshore Wytch Farm oilfield, in Dorset, which is expected next year, will mean that debt levels will increase again.

Consequently, interest payments will also increase, raising doubts over Tricentrol's ability to continue to finance its future developments in the absence of a rise in the oil price.

The company has other possible fields awaiting development, including the Don oilfield and the Amethyst and Ravenspurn gas fields.

In a statement with the results, the company said that after the disposal of the majority of its interests in North America, it will be concentrating its activities both onshore and offshore Britain.

The board intends to keep Tricentrol as a leading British independent exploration and production company.

Opec pushing for $18 a barrel

By David Young, Energy Correspondent

Oil ministers of the 13 Opec nations start preliminary discussions in Geneva today in an effort to find a formula that will send the world oil price back up to $18 a barrel.

Opec committees on pricing and quotas will consider reports from their export advisers before moving into a full ministerial session tomorrow.

There is agreement that the meeting must produce a workable formula to convince oil-consuming nations that the cartel is serious in its aim to return to a fixed price system from January 1.

Sheikh Hisham Nazer, the new Saudi oil minister, was among ministers who arrived in Geneva yesterday. He refused to be drawn on the issue of whether Saudi Arabia will cut its daily output to bolster the price.

He said: "We shall see very soon."

The members have endorsed the Saudi call for a return to a fixed price system, but have yet to agree on how it should be implemented. There is a realization that output will have to be cut by up to 1 million barrels a day from the present level of 17 million. But, some countries have said they are not in a position to make cuts.

World oil prices are languishing below the $15-a-barrel level, but a commitment by Opec to trim production and to return to a fixed price system would have an immediate firming effect.

A stronger price would send share prices of most British oil companies upwards and allow them to resurrect marginal development projects

Such a move would be a big boost for the Department of Energy. It has been attempting to persuade many oil companies to keep together teams of engineers and specialists

Redundancies have been made in most companies operating in the North Sea and some fields, which started production recently, are not profitable at a price of less than $18 a barrel.

Bid withdrawn

American Brands withdrew its $2.8 billion (£2 billion) contested bid for Chesebrough-Pond's, the Vaseline and Ponds's cold cream group. Unilever, the Anglo-Dutch conglomerate, made a $3.1 billion agreed cash offer for Pond's last week.

Cambrian 'ignorant of dealings'

By Lawrence Lever

The directors of Cambrian and General Securities, the investment trust formerly chaired and managed by Mr Ivan Boesky, did not know which shares its Bermuda subsidiary was dealing in, a director, Mr Edward Davies, said yesterday.

He explained that for tax reasons almost all the arbitrage activities of Cambrian were carried out through Farnsworth and Hastings, a subsidiary incorporated in Bermuda.

"This is a wholly-owned subsidiary with a separate board. The Cambrian directors never demanded to see details of its transactions," Mr Davies said. "As outside directors of Cambrian we were never given or, indeed, wanted to see the dealing sheets for the shares which Farnsworth was buying or selling."

The Cambrian directors did, however, receive full details of those share transactions carried out by Cambrian itself. These were reviewed at quarterly board meetings.

Among shares shown on the Cambrian dealing sheets is a large block of Distillers shares. "I am aware that we were in Distillers," Mr Davies said. "I can't say when they were bought or sold. But I have never seen any Guinness shares in Cambrian's reported transactions".

The Cambrian dealing sheets also show that the company bought a substantial number of shares in Imperial Group, which was taken over by Hanson Trust this year after a hotly contested battle with United Biscuits.

"We did buy a lot of Imperial shares and accepted the Hanson bid. We bought them quite late in the day".

Holmes à Court's bid talk lifts BHP

By Richard Lander

Just when it seemed that peace had broken out at Broken Hill Proprietary (BHP), Australia's largest company, along comes Mr Robert Holmes à Court to stir the pot once again.

Although the two parties ended three years of acrimony by signing a well-publicised pact in September, the Perth-based entrepreneur yesterday rekindled rumours that he might make another takeover bid for the oil, minerals and steel giant by entering into an agreement to underwrite the sale of a 5 per cent BHP stake held by Equiticorp Tasman.

At present, Mr Holmes à Court owns 28.5 per cent of BHP, built up through a series of takeover bids by his Bell Resources group. Two months ago, in return for a seat on the board, he agreed not to increase his holding without making a takeover bid unless a third party made an offer or acquired a stake in excess of 20 per cent. Mr John Elliott, chairman of Elders-IXL, agreed to the same ground rules in connection with his 20 per cent stake.

Yesterday's agreement could, of course, increase his stake substantially, if the Equiticorp placing flopped. But BHP is trying to keep cool.

A board statement yesterday said Mr Holmes à Court's role in the underwriting would not contravene the rules laid down by Australia's National Companies and Securities Commission or the letter and spirit of the September agreement.

Mr Holmes à Court is keeping the analysts guessing about his intentions, although yesterday's move was enough to boost BHP shares by 20 cents to Aus$8.80 in Sydney.

Siebe boosts turnover by £100m

By Alexandra Jackson

Siebe, the engineering group, yesterday reported an 82 per cent increase in pretax profits to £20.1 million for the six months to September. Turnover rose from £136 million to £236 million and an interim dividend of 4.69p was declared.

These figures include profits of £8.5 million from the newly acquired businesses, CompAir and Deutsche Tecalemit. The comparable contribution for last year was £1 million — CompAir was included for two months, while Deutsche Tecalemit was, at that time, not part of the group.

Siebe's core businesses grew by 15 per cent in the first half. Mr Barrie Stephens, group managing director, said: "We have had a solid start to the year."

The share price closed at 803p yesterday, up from 785p, reflecting analysts' satisfaction with the results.

City attention is focusing on Siebe's recent acquisition of Robertshaw Controls, which was bought for $466 million (£327 million) in September.

This was financed partly by a five for six rights issue, the second in two years. Analysts had been nervous about the exit p/e of almost 20, and this had helped to push the price down from nearly 972p earlier this year to 803p.

However, Mr Stephens is excited about the potential.

Airports set out to woo the institutions

Cleared for takeoff

By Edward Townsend, Industrial Correspondent

BAA plc, formerly the British Airports Authority, embarks on an advertising campaign this week in an effort to win potential investors in the run up to privatization next summer.

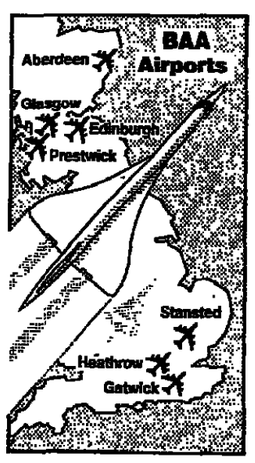
The company will not, however, be aiming its publicity at Sid. The new BAA logo to be revealed this week and the attendant background material are designed to impress on financial institutions and the like its forward looking — and its record as the owner of seven airports.

Its chairman, Sir Norman Payne, is to announce improved half-year profits next week.

BAA is undergoing privatization as part of next year's planned sale of the nation's air industry assets which begins with British Airways in January and is followed by Rolls-Royce in April.

Despite the possibility of a general election next year, Mr John Moore, the Secretary of State for Transport, confirmed in the Commons last week that the BAA sale would go ahead in the summer.

The privatization ofthe big three could bring in almost £3,000 million for the Treasury — £1,000 million each for BA and R-R and comfortably more than £500 million for BAA.



The Government has announced already that it will retain a golden share in BAA and is limiting any single shareholding to 15 per cent to prevent any airline gaining control. The company's 7,238 employees are expected to be offered a share deal.

The seven airports — Heathrow, Gatwick, Stansted, Glasgow, Prestwick, Edinburgh and Aberdeen — have been consistently profitable, largely as the result of earnings from commercial activities, including the lucrative duty-free concession.

The latter accounts for 12 per cent of BAA's total gross income with concession earnings as a whole — including hotels, banks, restaurants, shops and car parks — rising by 12 per cent last year to £133.4 million.

Some City analysts have expressed disquiet at BAA's dependence for its profitability on its activities outside the mainstream, but the company will emphasize in the new campaign that the enterprise must be seen as an integrated operation.

Sir Norman is expected to speak next week about the impact of the new regulatory framework for the seven separate airport companies, announced by Mr Moore.

They will be free from April 1 to levy charges on airlines using their airports in line with a strict formula which, said Mr Moore, would protect the airlines, passengers and other air transport users from abuse by BAA of its market power.

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Lloyd's rules on agents' charges

By Alison Eadie

The ruling council of Lloyd's insurance market has agreed that new members or names will be shown how and when agents' charges are levied and given an indication of average charges.

Failure by many agents to disclose charges — and the high level of charges — in nearly all cases regardless of whether the syndicates were profitable, have long been a cause of discontent among names.

The council has ruled also that the regulatory arm of Lloyd's will keep a register of all members' and managing agents' charges available for public inspection. Agents will be required to provide information on charges annually.

Lloyd's announced that syndicate 540/542 will be transferred from WMD Underwriting Agencies to AUA3, the agency responsible for closing down the loss-making PCW syndicates.

Mr Alan Lord, Lloyd's chief executive, said it would be the last syndicate to be transferred to AUA3. Syndicate 540/542 cedes business to one of the former PCW syndicates and must be included, therefore, in any eventual settlement of the PCW affair.

Watchdogs meet to tighten worldwide securities net

By Colin Narbrough
Financial Correspondent

Regulatory officials from the world's leading financial centres gather at an undisclosed venue near London today for a conference that Britain expects to lead to a gradual tightening of the international net for policing securities markets rather than any monolithic pact against malpractice.

Mr Michael Howard, the Minister for Consumer and Corporate Affairs, has said that the meeting, the first of its kind, would "not change the world overnight." But he hopes for "some significant progress" towards improved information-swapping between regulators. "Information is really the key to effective enforcement in this field," he said.

In a Commons debate last week, Mr Howard said insider dealing would be high on the agenda, but it is understood that Whitehall does not want the conference to focus too much on this, however topical.

Michael Howard: not out to change the world overnight

Mr Howard is expected to address the meeting, but Britain's delegation will be headed by Mr Brian Hilton, of the Department of Trade and Industry's financial services division, who played an important part in the new legislation for the British financial services industry.

The United States will be represented by the Securities and Exchange Commission, with which the DTI has an information-swapping accord. Canada, Australia and Hong Kong will send officials from similar bodies.

The French delegates will be from the Commission des Operations de Bourse, while Japan, West Germany and the Netherlands will send finance ministry representatives.

More importantly, Switzerland, often regarded as a reluctant participant in moves to improve cross-border policing due to its penchant for bank secrecy, will also be present, sending finance and foreign ministry officials.

More bilateral accords, like the Anglo-US understanding signed this year on the exchange of information, may emerge, but Whitehall regards building international confidence between regulators as one of the main goals. It also wants to ensure that they stay abreast of market developments in a world of globalised trading.

Jamaica tackles debt with sell-off

One way to tackle the debt problems of the Third World is demonstrated by Jamaica's privatization programme.

The offer for sale of National Commercial Bank of Jamaica, which has been completed on a tiny scale compared with British Gas, is an important event

It has brought the government much-needed capital, with 40 per cent of the budget devoted to servicing debt.

Issue proceeds are equivalent to about £11 million, more than covering the country's internal financing requirements for 1985-86 and equal to 6 per cent of the external financing requirement.

The sale has increased substantially the number of shareholders on the island.

Previously, there were about 5,000 investors, while the offer attracted 30,000 applications, bringing in capital about equal to the total volume on the Jamaican Stock Exchange last year.

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Gas shares still most active

New York (agencies) — British Gas, which made its debut on Monday continued to be the most actively traded issue, unchanged at 9⅛ — but generally, shareprices were slightly lower in early trading.

The White House forecast for sluggish economic growth next year failed to create much optimism that monetary policy will remain accommodative.

"We continue to feel the market is vulnerable," said Lucinda Mezey, director of equity research at Provident National Bank of Philadelphia.

"Valuation parameters are at very high levels relative to post-war norms."

She pointed out that her market sentiment indicators "suggest an enormous amount of complacency out there."

Up to the end of the year, she said, she expected the market to come under increased selling pressure as merger activity died down and tax-related selling came into play.

She said also that while the current controversy surrounding the Boesky insider-trading scandal and the Washington-Iran affair may have a temporary impact on share prices, in the long run the direction of prices will be determined by "a combination of expectations and valuations."

The Dow Jones industrials fell one to 1929.

	Dec 8	Dec 5
AMR	56¾	57¼
ASA	38⅜	38⅝
Allied Signal	42½	42½
Allied Strs	67⅝	67½
Allis Chlmrs	2¾	2⅝
Alcoa	34⅜	34¾
Amax Inc	12⅞	13
Am Hda Hs	22⅞	23
Am Brands	44⅞	45⅛
Am Can	89⅝	87⅝
Am Cynm'd	82⅝	83⅛
Am El Pwr	29⅛	29⅛
Am Express	60⅝	60½
Am Home	80¼	80
Am Motors	3	3⅛
Am St'nrd	43⅛	44
Am Teleph	27⅝	27½
Amoco	64⅞	65⅛
Armco Steel	5⅝	5⅛
Asarco	14½	14½
Ashland Oil	57⅛	57⅜
At Richfield	58⅞	59⅝
Avon Prods	29⅛	30
Bkrs Tst NY	45⅞	45⅛
Bankamer	14⅝	14⅛
Bk of Bston	41½	41½
Bank of NY	41⅞	41⅝
Beth Steel	5	4⅞
Boeing	51½	51⅛
Bse Cascde	63	63⅛
Brden	49⅝	49½
Bg Warner	37⅞	39⅝
Brist Myers	81⅝	80½
BP	39⅝	39⅛
Burl'ton Ind	42⅞	43⅜
Burl'ton Nth	60⅝	60⅛
Burroughs	n/a	n/a
Cmpbell Sp	61⅜	62⅝
Can Pacific	12½	12⅝
Caterpiller	40	40⅜
Celanese	242⅝	242
Central SW	35⅜	35½
Champion	32⅜	33⅝
Chase Man	36⅝	37⅛
Chm Bk NY	46½	46
Chevron	45⅝	45¼
Chrysler	39½	39⅝
Citicorp	54⅝	54⅝
Clark Equip	20⅛	20⅝
Coca Cola	38⅛	38⅜
Colgate	43	44
CBS	134	134
C'mbia Gas	44⅝	44½
Cmb tn Eng	32½	32⅝
Comwlth Ed	33⅝	33½
Cons Edis	48⅝	47⅞
Cn Nat Gas	33⅜	33½
Cons Power	15⅛	16
Cntrl Data	25½	25⅜
Corning Gl	57	57½
CPC Intl	77⅝	77
Crane	34⅜	35½
Curtiss Wrt	53⅝	53½
Dart & Kraft	n/a	n/a
Deere	23⅞	24½
Delta Air	49⅝	49⅜
Detroit Ed	18⅝	18¼
Digital Eq	108⅜	105⅛
Disney	44⅜	44⅜
Dow Chem	61¼	61
Dresser Ind	20⅞	19⅝
Duke Power	48⅛	48⅜
Du Pont	89½	89⅞
Eastern Air	n/a	n/a
Estm Kodak	67½	68⅛
Eaton Corp	75⅝	78⅜
Emerson El	90½	90⅝
Exxon Corp	69⅞	69⅝
Fed Dpt Sts	89⅝	90½

	Dec 8	Dec 5
Firestone	28⅛	28⅛
Fst Chicago	32⅜	32⅛
Fst Int Bncp	54⅛	54½
Fst Penn C	9	9
Ford	57⅞	56⅛
FT Wachva	38⅛	39⅛
GAF Corp	40⅞	40
GTE Corp	56⅛	55½
Gen Corp	81⅛	81
Gen Dy mcs	73½	73⅛
Gen Electric	87⅜	88⅞
Gen Inst	19½	19⅛
Gen Mills	42½	43
Gen Motors	70⅛	71⅛
Gn Pb Ut ny	22⅛	22⅛
Genesco	3⅛	3⅝
Georgia Pac	38⅛	39½
Gillete	51⅛	51½
Goodrich	45	45½
Goodyear	42⅛	42⅛
Gould Inc	18⅛	18½
Grace	52⅜	53⅛
Gt Att & Tac	25⅛	25⅛
Gr'hnd	33	33⅞
Gruman Cor	27⅛	28
Gulf & West	68⅛	68⅞
Heinz H.J.	43	43
Hercules	58⅛	59⅛
H'lett-Pkrd	44⅜	43⅝
Honeywell	65⅜	66⅛
IC Inds	25	25½
Ingersoll	59⅛	60½
Inland Steel	18⅜	18⅛
IBM	127⅞	125⅞
INCO	12	12
Int Paper	77⅛	77⅛
Int Tel Tel	54⅛	54½
Irving Bank	50⅛	50½
Jhnsn & Jhn	71	69⅛
Kaiser Alum	13½	13⅝
Kerr McGee	29⅛	29⅞
Kmb'ly Clrk	86½	87
K Mart	48⅛	48½
Kroger	30⅛	31⅛
L.T.V. Corp	1⅞	1⅞
Litton	79⅝	80⅛
Lockheed	53½	54⅜
Lucky Strs	30⅜	34⅜
Man H nver	47⅝	47
Manville Cp	2	2⅛
Mapco	60	59⅝
Marine Mid	46½	47
Mrt Marietta	41⅞	42⅛
Masco	27⅜	27⅝
McDonalds	63⅜	63⅜
McDonnell	75½	76⅜
Mead	57⅜	58⅛
Merck	114⅜	114⅜
Mnsta Mng	115⅛	114⅜
Mobil Oil	38⅜	38⅜
Monsanto	78½	79⅛
Morgan J.P.	86⅝	86⅛
Motorola	38⅜	38⅜
NCR Corp	49½	49⅛
NL Indstrs	5½	5⅛
Nat Distlrs	45⅛	46
Nat Med Ent	24⅝	25
Nat Smcndt	11⅛	11½
Norfolk Sth	86½	86⅝
NW Bancrp	39⅝	39½
Occdnt Pet	27⅜	27⅜
Ogden	44⅝	45⅛
Olin Corp	44⅜	44⅝
Owens-Ill	44⅝	44⅛
Pac Gas El	25½	25⅝
Pan Am	4⅝	5½
Penney J.C.	82⅜	81⅛
Pennzoil	72⅞	72⅝
Pepsico	27⅝	27⅛

	Dec 8	Dec 5
Pfizer	62½	62⅞
Phelps Dge	21⅛	21½
Philip Mrs	74½	75⅝
Phillips Pet	10½	11
Polaroid	71½	71⅛
PPG Ind	74⅞	74⅛
Prctr Gmbl	77½	78
Pb S E & G	41⅝	41½
Raytheon	68⅛	68⅝
Rynlds Met	40⅛	41⅛
Rockwell Int	44⅝	43⅞
Royal Dutch	91½	91⅛
Safeways	n/a	n/a
Sara Lee	69½	68⅛
SFE Sopac	33	33⅛
Schl'berger	33⅜	33⅛
Scott Paper	64⅛	65
Seagram	63⅛	63⅛
Sears Rbck	43	43⅝
Shell Trans	54⅛	54
Singer	39⅛	39⅛
Smthkln Bk	90⅛	90⅞
Sony	22⅜	21⅛
Sth Cal Ed	35⅝	35⅛
S'Wsrn Bell	114⅜	114½
Std Oil	48	48⅛
Sterling Drg	46⅛	46⅛
Stevens JP	39	39
Sun Comp	58⅝	58
Teledyne	318⅝	319
Tenneco	37⅝	38
Texaco	34⅜	34⅜
Texas E Cor	30⅜	30⅜
Texas Inst	123⅜	121⅜
Texas Utils	33⅜	33⅜
Textron	65	65⅛
Travlrs Cor	44⅜	44⅞
TRW Inc	94	93⅜
UAL Inc	59½	59⅜
Unilever NV	228½	227⅜
Un Carbide	23⅜	23
Un Pac Cor	65⅝	66⅜
Utd Brands	33⅝	33
USG Corp	41½	41½
Utd Technol	45⅜	44⅜
USX Corp	21⅜	21⅜
Unocal	24⅝	25⅜
Jim Walter	48½	48½
Wrner Lmbt	58⅝	58⅜
Wells Fargo	105½	106
W'sghse El	60⅜	60⅜
Weyerh'ser	39⅛	40
Whirlpool	71⅜	71½
Woolworth	42	42⅜
Xerox Corp	62	61⅛
Zenith	20⅜	20⅜

CANADIAN PRICES

	Dec 8	Dec 5
Agnco Eag	26⅜	26½
Alcn Alum	39⅜	40⅜
Algoma Stl	11⅜	11½
Can Pacific	17⅝	17½
Cominco	13½	13⅜
Con Bathrst	28½	28⅝
Hkr/Sid Can	25⅜	25⅛
Hdsn B Min	22⅜	23
Imasco	33	32⅛
Imperial Oil	47⅝	47⅝
In Ppe	38⅝	39
Ryl Trustco	29⅜	29⅝
Seagram	86⅜	87½
Steel Co	19⅞	19⅝
Thmsn N 'A'	29⅜	30
Varity Corp	2.66	2.69
WCT	12⅜	12½
Weston	30⅜	31

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Abaco to pay £15m for estate agent

Abaco Investments, the fast-moving financial services group, is buying the leading estate agent Hampton & Sons for a maximum £15 million. It will finance the deal through an £18.8 million share issue to Standard Chartered Bank.

Standard will take a 12.7 per cent stake and the two other big shareholders, British & Commonwealth Shipping and Canada Life Assurance, will reduce their stakes to 23.4 per cent and 5.02 per cent respectively.

Standard and B&C have both said they want Abaco to remain independent and would not try to obtain control for at least three years and then not without the prior consent of the board.

B&C and Abaco share close links as Abaco's chief executive, Mr Peter Goldie, is on the B&C board and Mr John Gunn, B&C chief executive, is on the Abaco board. Mr Michael McWilliam, group managing director of Standard, will also join Abaco's board.

Hampton, a luxury residential and commercial property agent, is Abaco's largest acquisition and its eighth this year. As well as taking the number of estate agency outlets to 57, Hampton gives Abaco a presence overseas through its Hong Kong and French offices.

The full purchase price will be paid if Hampton makes taxable profits of £1.325 million in the year to September 30 next.

The link with Standard Chartered should provide additional business opportunities for both parties through Hampton selling Standard's banking products and Standard providing finance for commercial property developments and for Abaco's further expansion.

IN BRIEF

● MOORGATE INVESTMENT TRUST: Results for the six months to November 30 include an interim dividend of 5p (4.5p) and a proposed final dividend of not less than 10.7p (9.7p). With figures in £000, franked revenue amounted to 440 (390), unfranked revenue 15 (35), interest receivable 101 (64), underwriting commission etc 4 (3), administrative expenses 51 (40), interest charges 6 (6), revenue before tax 503 (446) and tax 150 (139). Earnings per share were 7.58p (6.58p) and net asset value per ordinary share was 497.4p (388.9p).

● GORING KERR: For the year ended September 30, a final dividend of 7.7p, making 11.55p (10.5p), has been declared. With figures in £000, turnover was 7,610 (7,976), cost of sales 3,787 (3,764), distribution 823 (815), administration 901 (745), interest receivable 31 (59), interest payable 26 (29), pretax profit 2,104 (2,682), tax 897 (1,113), minorities 1 (5), profit attributable 1,208 (1,564), extraordinary items nil (81 dbt) and transfer to reserves 515 (853). Earnings per share were 20.13p (26.07p).

● MCLEOD RUSSEL: Results for the year to September 30 include a final dividend of 5p (4.5p), making 8.3p (7.5p). With figures in £000, turnover was 27,248 (28,553), pretax profit 10,489 (14,297), tax 4,741 (7,591), minority interests debit 80 (11). Earnings per share were 63.97p (77.4p). The company said the results, while below the record level of the previous year, demonstrated that the group, with its wider spread of interests, could maintain a more consistent level of profits in periods of poor tea prices.

● ALFRED PREEDY: Results for the six months to September 27 include an interim dividend of 1p (same). With figures in £000, turnover totalled 38,680 (55,896), operating profit 235 (71), interest payable 339 (424), exceptional debits 200 (credit 30), loss before tax 304 (323 loss), no tax (nil) and extraordinary charges 176 (51). The second half always contributes the biggest share of operating profit, with December and January being particularly important.

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Summary of Results

Year ended 31st March 1986* £million		6 months to 30th Sept. 1986 £million	30th Sept. 1985 £million	
565.4	Turnover	**301.9**	278.5	+ 8%
32.1	Profit before tax	**20.2**	13.2	+53%
20.4	Attributable profit	**15.5**	8.5	+82%
22.57p	Earnings per share	**14.35p**	8.79p	+63%
5.75p	Dividend per share	**2.15p**	1.95p	+10%

The figures for the year ended 31st March 1986 are extracted from the Group's Accounts at that date which have been delivered to the Registrar of Companies. The Auditors' Report on those Accounts was unqualified.

The Chairman, Mr Ronald Groves CBE, comments:

In line with expectations, as the year has progressed there has been an improvement in the level of activity in the construction industry. This, together with firming prices for timber, has made for better trading conditions. Accordingly, margins have improved to give a satisfactory start to the year. Trading continues well and – subject to the usual qualifications about the Winter – we look to a good second half and are on course for a record year.

The acquisition of Brownlee PLC was completed last month, from which the Board is confident that a worthwhile contribution will arise.

The interim dividend per share has been increased to 2.15p (1.95p) and will be paid on 9th February 1987 to those Members on the Register on 9th January 1987.

Copies of the Interim Statement are available from The Secretary.

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STOCK MARKET

£6 billion takeover bid for Grand Met is on way at last

By Carol Leonard

The long-awaited £6 billion bid for Grand Metropolitan, the drinks, hotels and foods empire, could materialize within the next week.

There has been consistent buying of the stock by informed sources during the past few days.

One market man said yesterday: "This time it really is coming."

Whispers of possible stake-building have begun circulating in some City circles and the bid speculation, which has plagued the company for many months, is starting to rear its head once again.

Grand Met's shares, down 9p to 447p, have slipped a few pence each day since reaching their peak of 482p on November 28. The bid premium in the price has now evaporated, making it an ideal time for a predator to pounce.

And sector-watchers say that if there really is a predator waiting in the wings, he will have to make his move before the company unveils its year-end results on Thursday of next week.

Mr Daniel Leaf, leading leisure and brewing analyst at Wood Mackenzie, the broker, who rates the shares as a strong buy regardless of bid speculation, said: "Once these figures are out of the way, the company will have turned the corner in terms of City perception.

"The presentation of the results will give the City a chance to meet the new management. They are certain to impress and the stock will be in for an immediate re-rating."

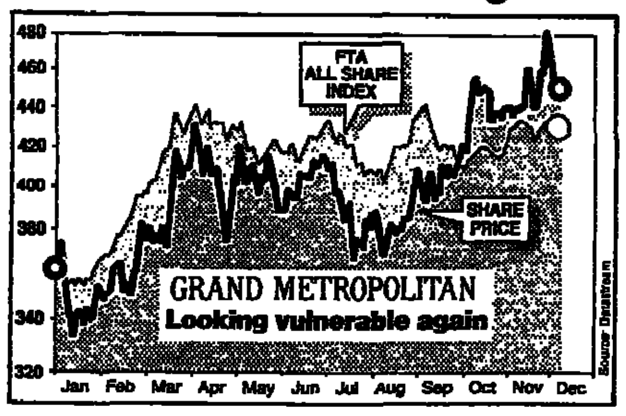
He estimates that the break-up value of Grand Metropolitan would be at least £7 a share, valuing the entire group at £6 billion, and says at its present price there is no longer any bid premium included.

At 447p, the company is valued at less than £4 billion.

Because of the enormous sums involved in launching a bid of this size, the most likely suitor is thought to be a consortium which would sell off various parts of the company to its members.

Yesterday's slide in the Grand Met price was put down to plans by the US Government to close the Delaware Link, a tax loop hole whereby British companies in the US can get double tax relief.

● Expect details next week of Blue Arrow's third US acquisition this year. The employment agency and cleaning services group is paying about $15 million (£10 million) for a franchised employment agency in New York. This will boost its US network to 170 outlets. Its shares eased 1p to 387p.



But analysts say the effect of this on Grand Met will be "negligible".

Elsewhere, the stock market had another quietly firm session, with leading stocks boosted by an opinion poll showing the Conservatives ahead and British Gas holding steady at 62½p, despite notching up a volume figure of more than 300 million shares.

The FT-SE 100 index gained ground steadily and closed up 12.5 at 1,635.9. The FT-30 share index closed up 8.9 at 1,284.4.

Gilts closed at their highest level of the day, about £¼ better in the shorts and as much as £¾ better at the longer end, boosted by the stronger pound.

Among blue chips, British Telecom was one of the most heavily traded, with 14 million shares changing hands ahead of its results on Thursday.

The share price, encouraged by the political opinion poll, firmed 4p to 200p.

Cable & Wireless gained 5p to 324p, ICI 8p to 1118p, Glaxo 19p to 944p, on continued support after its annual meeting on Monday, and BTR 6p to 274p. THF slipped 5p to 181p on profit-taking and Vickers 3p to 388p.

Better than expected results boosted Goring Kerr 20p to 265p, and TACE 20p to 360p, while Granada dipped 3p to 287p, despite reporting a 43 per cent increase in profits and Whitecroft slipped 12p to 248p on a 31 per cent fall in profitability.

The banking sector gained considerable ground across the board, after a number of favourable brokers circulars, with Barclays putting on 15p to 492p, Midland 15p to 564p, National Westminster 14p to 502p and Lloyds 13p to 442p. Royal Bank of Scotland firmed 6p to 282p and Standard Chartered went up 10p to 794p.

Insurances were also ahead, with Royal Insurance jumping 27p to 854p, the Prudential 10p to 829p, Guardian Royal 10p to 784p and General Accident 12p to 834p. Hogg Robinson, the insurance broker, gained 5p to 343p.

Stores were mixed where changed, with the exception of Ratners, the fast-growing High Street jewellery chain which jumped 9p to a new high at 261p after a lunch hosted by James Capel, the broker. James Capel were said to be strong buyers of the stock. GUS ordinary shares gained 37p to 1,450p and Boots 3p to 232p, while Woolworth slipped back 5p to 650p. Harris Queensway 4p to 212p and Dixons 2p to 330p.

Oils were also dull ahead of tomorrow's Opec meeting in Geneva. Shell eased 3p to 950p, while BP, which had more than 2 million of its shares traded in the market, was unchanged at 683p. Lasmo dipped 3p to 146p, I C Gas 7p to 543p and Tricentrol, which announced a loss-making set of results, 3p to 58p.

Smith New Court, the independent jobbing firm, hardened a penny to 157p, on talk that it is in merger discussions with Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank, the international finance group which owns James Capel, the broker.

Hong Kong and Shanghai does not at present have a market making arm in British equities. James Capel opted to act as an agency broker only and already does a considerable amount of joint business with Smith New Court.

But Mr Peter Quinnen, ertswhile senior partner of James Capel, said such talk is untrue. "We are good friends with Smith New Court and we do a lot of business with them," he said, "but we do not have, nor have we ever had, any interest whatsoever in getting into a formal relationship with them."

Analysts, however, think that such a merger would make sense.

● Britannia Arrow has cut its holding in Cannon Street Investments, the USM investment group, from 7.7 per cent to below 5 per cent. The shares, placed at about 182p, were bought by friendly institutions. Its shares firmed yesterday to 183p. Analysts forecast profits of more than £3 million.

ALPHA STOCKS

These prices are as at 6.45pm

1986 High	1986 Low	Company	Price Bid	Price Offer		Ch'ge	Gross div pence	Yld %	P/E	Volume traded '000
363	283	Allied-Lyons	303	308	●	+3	14.5	4.7	14.0	381
174	126	ASDA-MFI	148	152		..	4.5	3.0	16.4	1,800
483	264	BTR	273	278		+8	9.8	3.6	19.2	4,400
491	361	BAT	464	469		+8	18.4	3.9	12.2	1,000
572	449	Barclays	488	495		+15	28.1	5.7	7.1	1,500
840	680	Bass	720	730		+2	24.3	3.4	12.9	334
450	356	Beecham	420	425	●	+4	17.1	4.0	17.6	1,900
726	526	Blue Circle	645	650		..	30.0	4.6	9.2	230
383	293	BOC	350	353		+1	15.4	4.4	13.7	999
289	170	Boots	230	233	●	+3	10.6	4.6	15.1	4,900
608	423	Br Aerospace	485	490		+2	23.4	4.8	10.3	1,500
64½	62	Br Gas	61½	62½		–¾	..	..	..	—
709	530	Br Petroleum	680	685		..	48.6	7.1	7.5	2,200
280	177½	Br Telecom	198	202		+4	10.7	5.4	11.7	14,000
193	98	Britoil	150	152		..	9.3	6.2	4.1	3,000
354	256	Burton	264	268		..	8.1	3.0	14.9	2,000
369	277	Cable & Wireless	320	327		+5	7.2	2.2	17.7	2,400
196	158	Cadbury Schweppes	183	186		+1	8.7	4.7	21.6	495
564	426	Coats Viyella	452	456	●	+8	17.9	3.9	13.6	767
336	257	Com Union	286	289		+5	17.4	6.5	..	1,400
704	409	Cons Goldfields	653	660		..	35.0	5.3	18.8	526
330	252	Courtaulds	310	313	●	+1	10.2	3.3	10.5	977
290	201	Dee Corp	208	213		+1	10.3	4.9	17.1	848
438	318	Dixons Grp	328	332		–2	4.3	1.3	23.5	5,200
650	408	Fisons	525	530	●	–2	8.4	1.6	23.5	515
954	701	Gen Accident	830	837	●	+12	34.3	4.1	21.0	467
226	158	GEC	169	173		+5	6.3	3.7	10.6	10,000
11¼	756½	Glaxo	940	950		+20	20.0	2.1	19.7	3,400
481	328	Grand Met	445	450		–8	13.5	3.0	15.0	1,900
11½	721	GUS 'A	10⅛	10¼	●	..	30.0	2.9	14.3	48
954	720	GRE	780	787	●	+10	42.5	5.4	22.7	184
385	235	GKN	270	273	●	+1	17.9	6.6	9.1	696
355	275	Guinness	284	289		+1	10.3	3.6	10.9	2,600
215½	141	Hanson	190	192		+2	6.1	3.2	17.0	4,000
623	403	Hawker Siddley	440	446	●	+2	21.4	4.8	9.8	45
11⅛	734	Imp Chem Ind	11⅛	11⅛		..	48.6	4.3	12.5	441
583	335	Jaguar	525	530		+5	12.7	2.4	10.9	958
391	312	Ladbroke	356	361		–1	16.8	4.7	17.1	156
349	276	Land Securities	344	347	●	+3	14.5	4.2	23.1	102
288	133	Legal & Gen	243	248		..	12.3	5.0	31.3	761
484	293	Lloyds	438	445		+13	25.0	5.7	7.1	1,400
283	183	Lonrho	227	229		+1	17.1	7.5	11.2	741
231	163	Marks & Spencer	183	186	●	..	5.8	3.1	22.1	2,200
599	417	Midland	560	567		+15	37.1	6.6	20.9	1,700
593	426	Nat West	498	505		+14	27.6	5.5	5.2	1,800
576	428	P & O Dfrd	500	505		–2	26.4b	5.2	14.4	571
603	383	Pearson	572	577		–3	15.4	2.7	19.2	270
691	311	Pilkington Bros	618	623		+8	19.3	3.1	16.4	3,900
246	162	Plessey	178	182		+4	7.2	4.0	13.3	2,600
942	716	Prudential	825	832		+10	38.6	4.7	54.7	312
234	146	Racal Elect	176	180		+2	4.3	2.4	18.8	3,800
589	421	Rank Org	523	530		+8	22.5	4.3	18.6	829
900	605	Reckitt Colman	793	800	●	+3	23.9	3.0	17.2	372
584½	345	Reuters	577	582		+2	5.4	0.9	43.9	368
791	511	RTZ	653	660	●	..	31.4	4.8	8.7	82
532	365	Rowntree	410	415	●	+12	18.0	4.4	11.5	1,700
967	762	Royal Ins	850	857	●	+27	38.6	4.5	70.0	1,800
426	344	Sainsbury (J)	414	418	●	+2	8.4	2.0	24.2	51
148½	39	Sears	123	124½		–½	5.0	4.0	16.0	4,300
415	316	Sedgwick Gp	323	328		..	17.1	5.2	15.5	749
970	653	Shell	947	952		–3	51.4	5.4	9.4	784
132	93	Smith & Nephew	115	117		+1	3.5	3.0	19.8	289
174	96	STC	166	170		..	2.1	1.3	15.6	682
894	419	Stan Chart	790	797		+10	46.4	5.8	9.8	271
365	265	Storehouse	282	287		–1	11.0	3.9	15.2	679
772	520	Sun Alliance	655	662	●	+15	27.5	4.2	59.3	978
81¼	75¾	TSB P/P	75	76½		..	..	..	..	—
420	265	Tesco	398	403		–2	8.9	2.2	22.9	1,200
529	374	Thorn EMI	475	482		+2	25.0	5.2	35.0	613
349	133½	Trafalgar House	262	265		–1	18.9	7.2	8.1	4,400
209	139	Trusthouse Forte	179	182		–5	7.9	4.4	17.9	4,500
22	13⅛	Unilever	22	22⅛	●	+⅛	60.1	2.7	20.2	110
269	216	Utd Biscuits	234	237	●	+4	13.6b	5.8	12.8	2,100
231	174	Wellcome	214	217	●	+2	3.0	1.4	27.7	571
925	430	Woolworth	645	655		–5	22.9	3.5	14.9	111

COMMENT Kenneth Fleet

The Old Lady gently puts her foot down

The Big Bang and the wider financial revolution has resulted in a pounding headache for the poor old banking supervisor. In a rougher, tougher world the game may be played according to the rules, but many of the most effective plays are on the blind side of the referee.

Such was the lament from Brian Quinn, the Bank of England's head of banking supervision, addressing the 12th World Banking Conference yesterday. Gone are the days, he feared, when banks could be relied on to accept the nudges and hints from the Bank of England. In its place is a new era where they will do their damnedest to get around the spirit of the law even if they stick by its letter.

The modern-day banking supervisor, Mr Quinn admitted, has to juggle so many balls in the air that it is hardly surprising if one or two fall to the ground. The Bank was accused of having butterfingers in the case of Johnson Matthey Bankers and that episode will not easily be erased from its collective memory.

Three specific issues are exercising the Bank's 150-strong supervision division right now. The first is on large exposures. The Bank starts to take a supervisory interest in any exposure of more than 10 per cent of capital, and effectively sets a limit on any exposure equivalent to more than 25 per cent of capital.

The problem is that the appropriate exposure will differ according to the bank and the loan in question, and to the number of large exposures held by any one bank. The approach requires judgement and flexibility and this, it appears, is not fully appreciated by the banking community. Push us too far on this, Mr Quinn seemed to be saying, and the result will be a rigidity which benefits nobody.

The second area, the role of the banks in the securities markets, is one on which things should become a little clearer early next year, when the Bank publishes new guidelines. The heart of the problem is the distinction between banking assets and trading assets. Developing an appropriate measure of capital adequacy to cover a bank subsidiary with a large and active trading book is far from easy.

This is only part of the effort to bring all the new-fangled banking instruments now being invented under a leakproof supervisory umbrella. Not only is it requiring a qualitative change in attitude by the regulators, but it also offers an opportunity to harmonize rules being formulated in other countries. When the results of the Bank's deliberations on these matters emerge, they are likely to bear a very strong resemblance to rules being adopted in the US.

Finally, to show that the concern of the authorities extends from the banking parlours to the high street, Mr Quinn sounded a warning on personal-sector credit. Earlier in the autumn, the Governor of the Bank expanded on the dangers of too fast a pace of mortgage lending. Now his head of banking supervision says the banks should be asking themselves whether all the credit and charge-card lending is not building a mountain of unserviceable personal sector debt.

The Bank would be the last to admit it. But things were a lot easier, from both a prudential and a monetary control point of view, when there were quantitative controls on bank lending.

The great British let-down

Although the price of British Gas shares has wilted, disappointment with the early market performance is not nearly so great as disappointment among ordinary subscribers with the number of shares they were allotted.

This sense of let-down may be laid fairly at the door of N M Rothschild. As advisers to the Government, and for reasons not difficult to understand, N M Rothschild were anxious to ensure the issue's success, initially measured by the number of times an offer is oversubscribed.

But success did not come easily. It required some strenuous marketing by N M Rothschilds among institutional and "corporate" investors in the anxious days immediately before the closing date when it appeared that the public was not as wildly excited by British Gas as the ad men and public relations advisers had claimed.

The institutions, or to be precise "certain insitutional investors," had been given a preferential allotment, which in the event was scaled down to 969 million shares, at a price of 135p per share less their legitimate but still healthy commissions for underwriting the issue. The impression, wrong as it turned out, among institutions was that the offer of 1,165 million shares to "the general public" excluded them. They were rapidly disabused of this notion, came in for the general public's shares and undoubtedly ensured the oversubscription of "the UK Public Offer".

Although a cut-off would have been fairer, it was decided to allot shares on an open-ended basis.

The disappointment this has caused would diminish if the shares perform less well, though that statement has to be set aside another, namely the natural barrier — no allotment letters until next week — to ordinary investors selling shares this week when the premium was tempting.

£60m first Eurobond for Dixons

By Richard Thomson, Banking Correspondent

Dixons Group, the electrical goods retailer, announced yesterday that it was raising £68 million through a convertible Eurobond, the first time the company has tapped the international capital markets.

The company said that it marked the first step towards encouraging overseas investors to take an interest in it's equity.

The bonds proved an immediate success, rising to a premium as European investors moved in to snap up the issue.

The 15-year notes carry an interest rate of 6.75 per cent and are being issued in denominations of £5,000 and £50,000.

The issue will be convertible into ordinary Dixons shares at a premium of 11.89 per cent above the mid-market price of the shares yesterday. Dixons closed at 328p, giving a conversion value of 367p.

"This issue broadens our capital base and assists in financing the group's major expansion programme, which will accelerate in 1987/88," said Mr Egon von Greyerz, the vice chairman.

He added that the Euro-convertible issue was the most cost effective way.

The issue was lead managed by a group comprising SG Warburg Securities, Swiss Bank Corporation International and Cazenove & Co.

Vaux in 'hands off' warning

Another of the big regional brewers, the Sunderland-based Vaux group, yesterday announced sharply higher profits and delivered a "hands off" warning to any would-be bidders

Mr Paul Nicholson, the chairman, said that the recent spate of stock market takeover rumours had an unsettling affect on employees.

He assured them, however, that the management was determined to concentrate on the essential object of long-term growth rather than short-term issues in order to ensure a successful future as an independent company.

The Vaux figures revealed that profits before tax rose from £14,722,000 to £17,523,000 for the year to September 27. The company registered improvements in all divisions — brewing, hotels and wines and spirits.

A final dividend of 8.23p is to be paid, making the total for the year 12.5p compared with 11.06p last time.

The figures, however, include a below the line extrordinary item of £688,000 relating to the cost of closing down a number of its breweries.

In addition to the closure of Vaux brewery in Sunderland and the Ward Brewery in Sheffield, the company stopped brewing at its Darleys plant in September and plans to discontinue brewing in Edinburgh next spring.

Vaux is based in a region with big economic problems but, Mr Nicholson said: "We are one of the few successful growth companies within that region and we firmly believe that it is in the interests of all, particularly shareholders, that we remain independent and successful."

He said also that Vaux is emphasizing its determination to remain successful and independent with investment plans of £25 million during 1987.

"The current year has started well," Mr Nicholson said.

Compco profits ahead

Compco Holdings, the property company, has reported an interim pretax profit of £360,080 to September 25, compared with £304,624 for the same period the previous year.

The company's net rental income rose to £425,766 from £354,404 while interest payable has trebled to £25,933. Earnings per share were 11.3p compared with 8.76p.

Since announcing the interim figures, Compco has bought two office buildings close to the City of London with potential for improvement, which has resulted in borrowings rising to £2 million.

The company says interest charges in the second half will be significantly higher.

Devenish froths to £5.9m

The west country brewer JA Devenish is beginning to see the benefits of the agreed merger with fast-growing Inn Leisure, headed by Mr Michael Cannon. In spite of poor summer weather, profits, sales and earnings per share made substantial progress.

Group profits for the year ended September 30 rose from £5.5 million before tax to £5.987 million. Basic earnings per share have increased from 8.77p to 11.14p and shareholders are promised a final dividend of 2.15p per share compared with 2.05p last time.

After the Inn Leisure acquisiton, all the company's operations have been through a thorough review. Some have been closed down while other changes have produced considerable economies. Under the new chief executive, Mr Cannon, the group has a number of new and exciting projects for the future, the company statement said.

Glasgow trust agrees to bid

Glasgow Stockholders, the investment trust, has finally recommended the bid worth £54.9 million in cash from John Mowlem. The offer was made three weeks ago and accepted by Sun Life Assurance and Sun Life Pensions speaking for 26.5 per cent of the trust. Liquidation of the trust will raise about £55 million and be used for expansion plans.

Mobile telephones double in a year

By Derek Harris, Industrial Editor

Cellular telephone users in Western Europe number about 500,000, or twice the total of last year, and the market could double again over the next two years.

This was forecast yesterday by Communications and Information Technology Research in a new study* of the mobile communications market in Western Europe. The report describes the growth in the sector as "explosive", outpacing most of the industry's optimistic expectations.

The study suggests an average growth of 30 per cent a year during the rest of the decade.

Within 10 years CIT expects 3.3 million cellular users, or more than five times the present total. In addition, there are more than a million users of radio pagers in Western Europe, and this sector is expected to grow by 20 per cent a year until the end of the decade. At that time the total number of users is expected to be about 2.1 million.

There are 3.1 million private, mobile radios in use. But growth in this sector is expected to rise by only 5 per cent a year. These radios offer communication only with a base station.

The total mobile communications market in Europe is growing by more than 40 per cent a year, according to CIT. By 1990 the business is expected to be worth about $4 billion (£2.8 billion) a year including equipment sales of $1.75 billion.

Increases of this order — international telephony in contrast is growing by only about 12 per cent a year — are likely, in spite of capacity and frequency limitations and, in some countries, high prices, CIT said.

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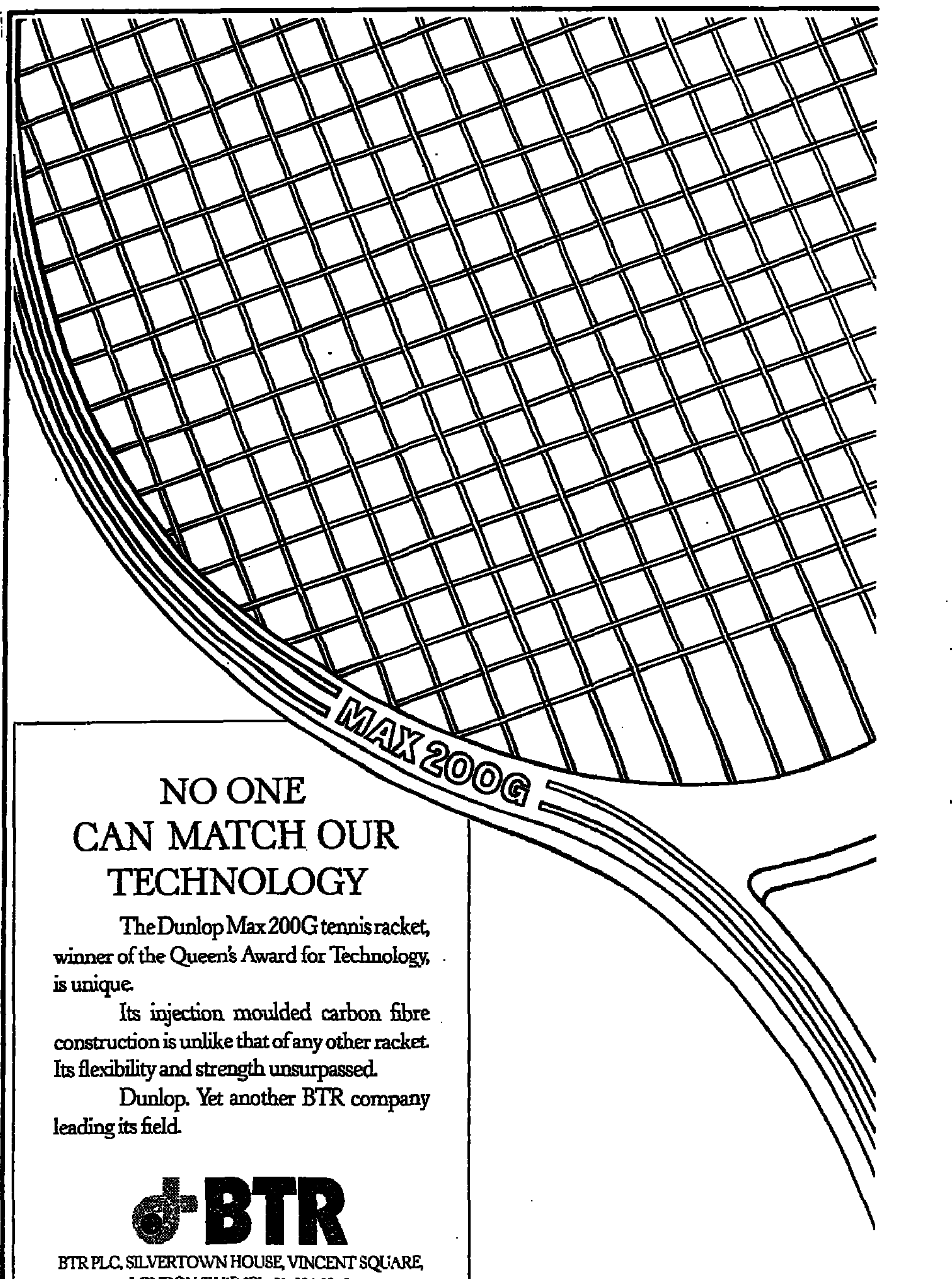

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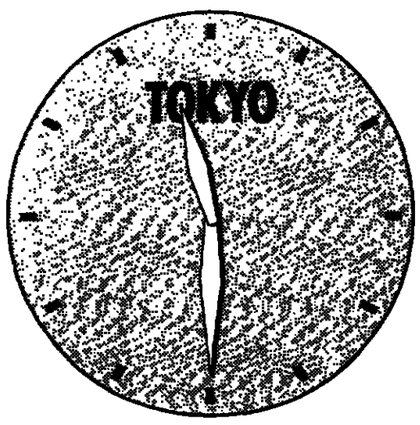

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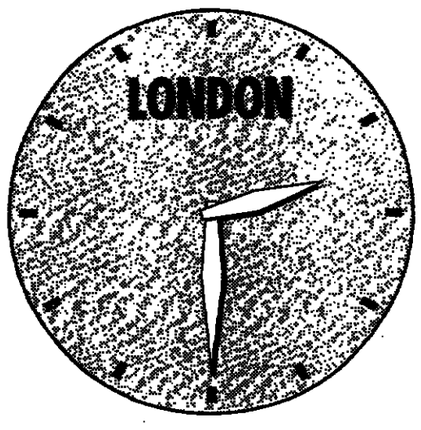

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Electron buys Bytech

Contracts have been exchanged for the acquisition by Electron House of the Bytech Group, a franchised distributor of electronic components, systems and computer peripherals for £3.3 million cash.

The shares which are being issued to finance the acquisition have been placed with institutional and other investors by Chase Manhattan Securities at 120p per new ordinary share and 106p per new convertible preference share.

Electron's profitability is increasing through improved efficiency, and the acquisition of the Bytech Group is expected to enhance this trend.

COMPANY NEWS

● OSBORNE & LITTLE: Figures in £000 for the six months to September 30. Interim dividend was 1.3p (1p). Turnover was 3,805 (2,646), profit before exceptional items was 673 (404), pretax profit was 508 (404) and earnings per share were 4.62p (3.31p). The company expects sales and profits to be higher in the second half than in the first.

● STRONG & FISHER HOLDINGS/GARNAR BOOTH: The Secretary of State for Trade and Industry has received undertakings from Strong & Fisher not to acquire any part of the share capital of Garnar Booth, or to enter into any agreement which would result in its having an interest of more than 17 per cent in any class of shares in Garnar during the investigation by the Mergers and Monopolies Commission.

● GABORNE: Expenses, in addition to start-up costs, have been incurred throughout the whole period. In the second half the company will enjoy a full six months trading on a nationwide basis.

● TURRIFF CORPORATION: The company has entered into a conditional agreement to acquire Whittall Holdings, a Birmingham building contractor which trades under the name of Moffat Whittall. The consideration, payable in cash on completion, is approximately £450,000 plus a further maximum of £75,000 deferred until April 1988 and dependent upon profits for 1987. Mr Michael Whittall, founder and managing director of Whittall, will be appointed managing director of Turriff Construction which will include Whittall with effect from January 5.

● BERKELEY GROUP: Results for the six months to October 31 include an interim dividend of 0.85p (0.7p) and, with figures in £000, turnover of 21,051 (13,237), operating profit of 3,008 (1,910), profit of related companies 120 (nil), interest of 45 (242), pretax profit of 3,083 (1,668) and tax of 1,079 (667). Earnings per share were 6.3p (4.0p). The company says sales are at a record level and the directors are confident about the future.

● TACE: A final dividend of 5.68p has been declared, making 8.52p (6.65p) for the year to September 30. With figures in £000, turnover amounted to 22,048 (20,135), gross profit 8,766 (7,353), distribution costs 1,981 (1,744), administration 2,936 (2,281), operating profit 3,849 (3,328), interest payable (net) 347 (212), pretax profit 3,502 (3,116), tax 819 (1,116), outside shareholders' interests 574 (625) and extraordinary debts 496 (credit 1,882). Earnings per share were 30.07p (21.41p). The group continues to seek further complementary acquisitions.

● HUMBERSIDE ELECTRONIC CONTROLS: No dividend (0.1p) for the year to May 31. With figures in £000, turnover was 1,005 (863), profit before exceptional items 29 (145), exceptional debits 379 (nil), loss after exceptional debits 350 (profit 145). Loss per share was 1.63p (eps 0.84p). The exceptional debits are a loss on a big contract due to a commercial settlement dispute, 32, writedown of obsolete part stocks, 182, and provisions against stock machines of 165. There is no tax charge (nil). The management accounts indicate a modest profit for the six months to the end of November. The profit for the full year to May 31, 1987, is entirely dependent on an early conversion of the high positive inquiry levels into firm orders.

● AUDIOTRONIC: With figures in £000, results for the 16 months to June 30, 1986 (year to March 1, 1985) include turnover of 3,272 (10,553), loss on ordinary activities before tax of 676 (1,253), tax nil (3) and an extraordinary credit of 465 (430 dbt). In recent months, the management's attention has been largely devoted to the programme of asset sales and other cost-saving measures necessary to ensure stabilization of the company's financial position. This has now been largely accomplished.

Whitecroft jumps 31%

Whitecroft, the textiles, lighting and building supplies group, yesterday launched a net £15.2 million rights issue and announced pretax profits 31 per cent higher at £3.6 million for the six months to September 30.

The company, which failed last August in its takeover bid for Eleco Holdings, said it was raising new money in readiness for future acquisitions. Borrowings over the past 18 months have increased by £17 million.

Whitecroft has a 12 per cent stake in Eleco which cost £3 million. An extraordinary debit of £765,000 was due largely to bid costs.

The textiles and lighting divisions showed strong growth, but the building supplies registered a 27 per cent dip in profits owing to non-recurring costs of moving to a new site and developing two additional manufacturing units for PVC windows.

The interim dividend was raised to 3p from 2.5p and the company has promised that total dividends will be not less than 10p a share.

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings	Last Dealings	Last Declaration	For Settlement
Nov 17	Nov 28	Feb 19	Mar 2
Dec 1	Dec 12	Mar 5	Mar 16
Dec 15	Jan 2	Mar 19	Mar 30

Call options were taken out on: 9/12/86 Mitchell Cotts, Amstrad, Exparnet, Abaco, Buckley Breweries, Benjamin Priest, Elswick, Camford, Apricot, Systems Designers, Memcom, JFB, British Gas, Nell & Spencer, JT Parrish, Afro-West, Dalgety, Wellcome, Reabrook, Conroy, Astra, Phicom, TSB, Condor, BCA, Sound Diffusion, London Securities, Chloride, Ferrand, Morgan Grenfell, Equity & General.
Put: British Gas.
Put & Call: British Gas.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

Three Month Sterling	Open	High	Low	Close	Est Vol
Dec 86	88.60	88.62	88.57	88.59	216
Mar 87	88.62	88.67	88.62	88.66	1309
Jun 87	89.06	89.07	89.05	89.08	93
Sep 87	89.18	89.19	89.18	89.19	20
Dec 87	89.03	89.07	89.03	89.06	43
Mar 88	88.85	88.85	88.85	88.85	20
Previous day's total open interest 16082					
Three Month Eurodollar		Previous day's total open interest 24820			
Dec 86	93.90	93.91	93.89	93.89	862
Mar 87	94.05	94.06	94.03	94.04	1850
Jun 87	94.03	94.05	94.02	94.02	449
Sep 87	93.88	93.91	93.88	93.88	227
US Treasury Bond		Previous day's total open interest 3986			
Dec 86	100-14	100-16	100-05	100-12	361
Mar 87	99-16	99-19	99-01	99-12	2890
Jun 87	NT	—	—	98-14	0
Short Gilt		Previous day's total open interest 148			
Dec 86	NT	—	—	95-61	0
Mar 87	NT	—	—	95-61	0
Jun 87	NT	—	—	—	0
Long Gilt		Previous day's total open interest 19865			
Dec 86	108-01	108-08	108-00	108-09	19
Mar 87	108-03	109-17	108-00	108-14	17538
Jun 87	NT	—	—	108-17	0
Sep 87	NT	—	—	—	0
FT-SE 100		Previous day's total open interest 3447			
Dec 86	163.40	164.30	163.40	164.00	435
Mar 87	166.40	166.85	166.40	166.80	40

FOREIGN EXCHANGES

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

	Market rates day's range December 9	Market rates close December 9	1 month	3 months
N York	1.4210-1.4240	1.4210-1.4220	0.60-0.57prem	1.82-1.77prem
Montreal	1.9553-1.9594	1.9553-1.9581	0.50-0.41prem	1.51-1.36prem
Ams'dam	3.2255-3.2471	3.2420-3.2464	1½-1¼prem	4¾-4prem
Brussels	59.31-59.82	59.71-59.82	21-16prem	55-47prem
C'pngen	10.7797-10.8541	10.8342-10.8490	1⅜-⅝prem	3⅜-2⅝prem
Dublin	1.0471-1.0560	1.0532-10.542	15-21dis	48-64dis
Frankfurt	2.8540-2.8750	2.8703-2.8745	1½-1⅜prem	4½-4¼prem
Lisbon	211.70-213.70	211.74-212.60	81-121dis	212-333dis
Madrid	193.03-193.95	193.69-193.95	16-34dis	21-71dis
Milan	1977.75-1993.75	1987.96-1993.62	par-4dis	1prem-3dis
Oslo	10.6760-10.7475	10.7318-10.7465	8¼-9⅜dis	18⅜-19⅞dis
Paris	9.3830-9.4260	9.4108-9.4274	1⅜-⅝prem	3⅜-2½prem
St'khlm	9.8605-9.9115	9.8971-9.9112	1⅛-⅜prem	4⅛-3⅝prem
Tokyo	230.85-231.67	231.30-231.67	1⅜-1¼prem	4-3⅜prem
Vienna	20.08-20.25	20.22-20.25	9⅝-8⅞prem	29¼-25⅝prem
Zurich	2.3848-2.4057	2.4019-2.4057	1½-1¼prem	4¼-4prem

Sterling index compared with 1975 was up at 68.3 (day's range 68.1-68.3).

OTHER STERLING RATES

Argentina austral*	1.6885-1.6954
Australia dollar	2.1798-2.1931
Bahrain dinar	0.5345-0.5385
Brazil cruzado*	20.3245-20.3917
Cyprus pound	0.7290-0.7390
Finland marka	7.0030-7.0430
Greece drachma	198.82-200.85
Hong Kong dollar	11.0713-11.0806
India rupee	18.55-18.75
Iraq dinar	n/a
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4165-0.4205
Malaysia dollar	3.6800-3.7000
Mexico peso	1240-1290
New Zealand dollar	2.8485-2.8622
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.3165-5.3565
Singapore dollar	3.1168-3.1203
South Africa rand	3.1729-3.1895
U A E dirham	5.2070-5.2470

*Lloyds Bank

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Ireland	1.3475-1.3505
Singapore	2.1925-2.1935
Malaysia	2.5925-2.5945
Australia	0.6516-0.6521
Canada	1.3763-1.3768
Sweden	6.9625-6.9675
Norway	7.5450-7.5500
Denmark	7.8220-7.8270
West Germany	2.0192-2.0202
Switzerland	1.6890-1.6900
Netherlands	2.2820-2.2830
France	6.6175-6.6225
Japan	162.65-162.75
Italy	1398.0-1399.5
Belgium(Comm)	42.01-42.06
Hong Kong	7.7885-7.7895
Portugal	149.20-149.50
Spain	136.20-136.30
Austria	14.19-14.21

Rates supplied by Barclays Bank HOFEX and Extel.

LONDON TRADED OPTIONS

	Series	Calls Jan	Calls Apr	Calls Jun	Puts Jan	Puts Apr	Puts Jun
Allied Lyons	280	30	42	48	2½	7	12
(*306)	300	16	26	32	9	14	17
	330	4	15	18	30	33	35
British Gas	50	13	15	17	½	1½	2
(*63)	60	5	7½	10	2	3½	4½
	70	1	2¾	5	8½	9½	10½
BP	600	90	103	—	1	9	—
(*682)	650	42	60	77	5	25	35
	700	13	30	45	25	50	60
Cons Gold	550	122	142	—	2	8	—
(*667)	600	80	105	115	8	20	27
	650	42	68	84	20	37	44
Courtaulds	260	56	65	—	1½	1½	—
(*312)	280	38	47	55	2	4	8
	300	18	31	43	4	8	14
	330	5	16	27	22	24	31
Com Union	260	17	24	32	6	11	15
(*270)	280	8	16	22	16	21	24
	300	:	8	16	32	37	42
Cable & Wire	300	32	45	55	4	13	16
(*326)	325	14	28	—	14	20	—
	350	4	17	—	32	38	—
	375	1	—	—	52	—	—
GEC	160	15	20	27	4	6	8
(*166)	180	4½	11	15	17	20	22
	200	1	4½	8	35	38	40
Grand Met	360	97	102	—	1	1½	—
(*447)	390	67	72	—	1	3	—
	420	42	53	72	4	14	17
	460	17	35	47	22	32	38
ICI	1000	130	145	175	2	11	16
(*1118)	1050	82	105	135	5	22	30
	1100	42	70	103	15	40	50
	1150	18	45	72	48	68	75
Land Sec	300	48	59	64	1½	3	7
(*345)	330	21	35	40	4	10	13
	360	5	14	21	19	23	26
Marks & Spen	180	11	20	25	3	7	8
(*185)	200	3	10	17	17	19	23
	220	1	5	9	37	39	39
Shell Trans	900	65	90	105	4	18	30
(*949)	950	28	50	70	17	40	50
	1000	9	30	42	53	65	75
Trafalgar House	260	12	21	28	9	14	20
(*264)	280	5	13	19	26	29	35
	300	2	7	11	45	48	52
TSB	70	8½	11½	14½	1	2	3¼
(*77)	80	2½	5½	8	4½	6	8
	90	1½	2½	5	14	14½	15

	Series	Calls Dec	Calls Mar	Calls Jun	Puts Dec	Puts Mar	Puts Jun
Beecham	360	65	78	—	1	2	—
(*423)	390	35	53	65	1½	7	10
	420	6	33	43	5	18	28
	460	1	14	22	40	45	55
Boots	200	32	39	46	½	3	4
(*232)	220	12	26	32	½	8	12
	240	1	13	21	10	13	23
BTR	260	18	30	35	1	7	10
(*274)	280	4	17	23	7	14	20
	300	—	8	13	—	28	32
Bass	650	80	90	105	2	6	12
(*726)	700	33	55	75	4	15	27
	750	2	30	50	33	50	60
Blue Circle	600	48	77	93	1	10	17
(*647)	650	8	45	65	15	30	42
	700	1	—	—	57	—	—
De Beers	650	135	165	—	2	13	—
(*773)	700	90	130	150	3	20	33
	750	50	100	120	8	40	55
	800	8	67	95	35	63	80
Dixons	300	32	48	58	½	6	10
(*331)	330	4	26	38	5	15	22
	360	1	12	26	32	34	36
GKN	240	34	43	47	1	3	6
(*273)	260	14	27	33	2	9	14
	280	2	16	23	11	16	23
	300	¾	8	—	27	32	—
Glaxo	900	47	85	117	2	20	30
(*943)	950	10	60	85	18	38	54
	1000	2	35	60	62	68	80
	1050	1	18	—	110	113	—
Hanson	160	32	34	—	½	1½	—
(*192)	180	12	18½	24½	1	6	8½
Hanson	200	1½	8	14½	9	15½	18
(cont)	220	½	3	7	29	31	32½
Jaguar	500	32	58	80	1	18	25
(*531)	550	2	26	42	22	35	42
	600	1	13	—	70	77	—
Thorn EMI	420	60	75	90	1	4	7
(*477)	460	22	43	64	4½	18	22
	500	5	21	40	25	27	42
	550	1	11	—	75	80	—
Tesco	330	73	—	—	½	—	—
(*401)	360	43	60	72	1	7	10
	390	13	33	43	2	15	18
	420	2	17	25	22	25	27

	Series	Calls Feb	Calls May	Calls Aug	Puts Feb	Puts May	Puts Aug
Brit Aero	420	83	92	—	4	8	—
(*489)	460	48	58	75	9	17	23
	500	27	35	48	27	37	42
BAT Inds	390	88	95	—	2	3	—
(*457)	420	60	68	80	3	7	13
	460	28	40	55	15	18	25
	500	10	20	37	38	42	50
Barclays	460	50	60	70	7	17	22
(*487)	500	22	35	40	22	30	37
	550	5	12	—	65	72	—
Brit Telecom	180	25	30	34	1½	5	9
(*201)	200	10	17	21	10	13	16
	220	3½	8	—	24	25	—
Cadbury Schwpps	160	30	33	38	2	4	7
(*185)	180	13	19	25	6	10	14
	200	5	11	15	17	22	25
Guinness	260	24	35	45	17	20	25
(289)	300	14	28	35	27	30	35
	330	5	13	23	50	50	55
Ladbroke	330	42	52	60	3	8	12
(*359)	360	18	32	42	12	17	25
	390	7	17	27	33	37	40
LASMO	130	23	29	—	3½	6	—
(*146)	140	17	23	31	7	12	13
	160	9	13	20	19	21	22
Midland Bank	500	75	87	97	3	10	15
(*560)	550	40	50	62	17	25	32
	600	15	20	30	47	52	57
P & O	460	57	68	82	5	11	15
(*504)	500	28	40	55	20	30	32
	550	6	17	27	50	57	62
Racal	160	23	32	38	5	7	9
(*178)	180	10	18	24	13	17	22
	200	4	10	—	25	30	—
RTZ	550	127	—	—	4	—	—
(*667)	600	85	102	—	8	17	—
	650	47	62	82	22	37	45
	700	20	37	52	55	65	74
Vaal Reefs	70	17	21	24	2½	5	6
(*81)	80	9	14	17	7	9	10½
	90	3½	8½	11½	12	13½	15

	Series	Calls Mar	Calls Jun	Calls Sep	Puts Mar	Puts Jun	Puts Sep
Lonrho	200	35	42	—	2	7	—
(*229)	220	21	27	33	8½	16	19
	240	9	16	20	23	28	31
	250	4	8	—	40	42	—

	Series	Calls Feb	Calls May	Calls Aug	Puts Feb	Puts May	Puts Aug
Tr 11¾% 1991	100	2 1/16	79/32	91/32	15/16	1 1/16	1⅝
(*£102)	102	15/16	1 1/16	2	31/16	11/32	2⅝
	104	½	¾	—	3¼	3¾	—
Tr 11¾% 03/07	104	3½	4½	5 3/16	1⅝	43/16	3⅝
(*£106)	106	75/32	3 7/16	4 1/16	2½	3⅝	4 9/16
	108	1¼	2⅝	3 5/16	3⅝	4¾	5 7/16
	110	29/32	3/16	—	5⅜	6	—
	112	½	1½	—	6¾	7⅜	—
	114	¼	1 5/32	—	8½	9 3/16	—

	Series	Calls Dec	Calls Jan	Calls Feb	Calls Mar	Puts Dec	Puts Jan	Puts Feb	Puts Mar
FT-SE	1550	95	107	—	—	1	6	—	—
Index	1575	70	85	—	—	2	10	—	—
(*1636)	1600	44	67	82	93	4	17	23	28
	1625	30	48	65	78	13	25	33	38
	1650	16	35	50	63	27	35	42	48
	1675	6	23	33	—	45	50	57	—
	1700	1½	—	—	—	68	—	—	—

December 9, 1986. Total contracts 75334. Calls 50852. Puts 24482. FT-SE Index. Calls: 801. Puts: 1060

*Underlying security price.

MONEY MARKETS AND GOLD

Base Rates %
Clearing Banks 11
Finance House 11½

Discount Market Loans %
Overnight High: 10¾ Low 10
Week fixed: 10⅝-¾

Treasury Bills (Discount %)
Buying: 2 mnth 10 25/32; 3 mnth 10 23/32
Selling: 2 mnth 10⅝; 3 mnth 10 11/16

Prime Bank Bills (Discount %)
1 mnth 10 13/16-11/16; 2 mnth 10 23/32-10 19/32
3 mnth 10 23/32-10 11/16; 6 mnth 10⅝-10 13/16

Trade Bills (Discount %)
1 mnth 11 7/16; 2 mnth 11 13/16
3 mnth 11 11/32; 6 mnth 11½

Interbank (%)
Overnight: open 10¾ close 12
1 week 11-10⅞; 6 mnth 11⅞-11¾
1 mnth 11⅛-11 1/16; 9 mnth 11⅞-11¾
3 mnth 11½-11⅜; 12 mth 11⅞-11¾

Local Authority Deposits (%)
2 days 10¾; 7 days 10¾
1 mnth 10¾; 3 mnth 11⅜
6 mnth 11⅛; 12 mth 11⅜

Local Authority Bonds (%)
1 mnth 11⅞-11⅜; 2 mnth 11⅞-11⅜
3 mnth 11⅞-11⅜; 6 mnth 11⅞-11⅞
9 mnth 11⅞-11⅞; 12 mth 11⅞-11⅞

Sterling CDs (%)
1 mnth 11 1/16-11; 3 mnth 11⅛-11¾
6 mnth 11⅞-11¾; 12 mth 11 11/32-11¾

Dollar CDs (%)
1 mnth 6.20-6.15; 3 mnth 6.05-6.00
6 mnth 5.95-5.90; 12 mth 6.05-6.00

EURO MONEY DEPOSITS %

Dollar
7 days 5 15/16-6⅛; call 6⅛-5⅞
3 mnth 6⅛-6; 1 mnth 6 5/16-6 3/16; 6 mnth 6 1/16-5 15/16

Deutschmark
7 days 5⅛-5⅝; call 5⅜-4⅞
3 mnth 5-4⅞; 1 mnth 5⅛-5⅝; 6 mnth 5-4⅞

French Franc
7 days 9-8½; call 7⅞-6⅞
3 mnth 9⅞-9 5/16; 1 mnth 9 5/16-8⅞; 6 mnth 9 3/16-9

Swiss Franc
7 days 1½-1¼; call 2⅜-1⅛
3 mnth 4⅜-4⅛; 1 mnth 4⅜-4⅛; 6 mnth 4 3/16-4 1/16

Yen
7 days 4⅝-4½; call 4½-3½
3 mnth 4 9/16-4 7/16; 1 mnth 4 13/16-4 11/16; 6 mnth 4½-4⅜

BULLION

Gold: $386.75-387.25
Krugerrand (per coin, ex vat): $385.00-388.00 (£270.75-272.75)
Sovereigns (new, ex vat): $91.50-92.50 (£64.25-65.00)
Platinum: $475.00 (£334.15)
Silver: $534.00 (£375.75)

ECGD

Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance Scheme IV Average reference rate for interest period November 1, 1986 to November 28, 1986 inclusive: 11.248 per cent.

RECENT ISSUES

EQUITIES

Ashtead (122p)	145
Avis Europe (250p)	231½ +2½
Bilston&Battersea (103p)	141
Brake Bros (125p)	149
British Gas (50p)	62¼ -½
Daniel S (130p)	156 -2
Fletcher King (175p)	180 -1
Gaynor (94p)	109 +1
Geest (125p)	155 +1
Glentree (16p)	53 +5
Gordon Russell (190p)	206
Guthrie Corp (150p)	170 -1
Halls Homes & Gdns (95p)	105 -1
Harmony Leisure (23p)	27 -1
Lloyds Chemist (105p)	132 +1
Lon& Metropolitan (145p)	166 -1
Mecca Leisure (135p)	153½ +½
Miss Sam Hldgs (105p)	97 +2
Northumbrian Fine (60p)	88
Plum Hldgs (90p)	112 +1
Quarto (115p)	126 -4
Spandex	220 -1
Sumit (135p)	139
TSB Chan Isles (70p)	95
TSB Group (100p)	76¼ +¼
Virgin (140p)	133
Whinney Mackay (160p)	168 +2
Wooltons Better (104p)	83
Ward Group (97p)	105 +1

RIGHTS ISSUES

Cook WM F/P	180
Glenfield N/P	26
Lon Assc Inv F/P	20
Norfolk Cap F/P	24½
Petrocan F/P	65 +2
Regalian N/P	2
Throg Sec N/P	2
Waddington F/P	190
Walker (Alfred)	

(Issue price in brackets).

BASE LENDING RATES

ABN	11.00%
Adam & Company	11.00%
BCCI	11.00%
Citibank Savings†	12.45%
Consolidated Crds	11.00%
Co-operative Bank	11.00%
C. Hoare & Co	11.00%
Hong Kong & Shanghai	11.00%
Lloyds Bank	11.00%
Nat Westminster	11.00%
Royal Bank of Scotland	11.00%
TSB	11.00%
Citibank NA	11.00%

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31% INCREASE IN PROFIT

INTERIM RESULTS
TO 30 SEPTEMBER 1986

	1986 £000	1985 £000	
Turnover	53,942	48,668	UP 11%
Profit Before Tax	3,591	2,740	UP 31%
Earnings Per Share	10.0p	7.1p	UP 41%
Dividends Per Share	3.0p	2.5p	UP 20%

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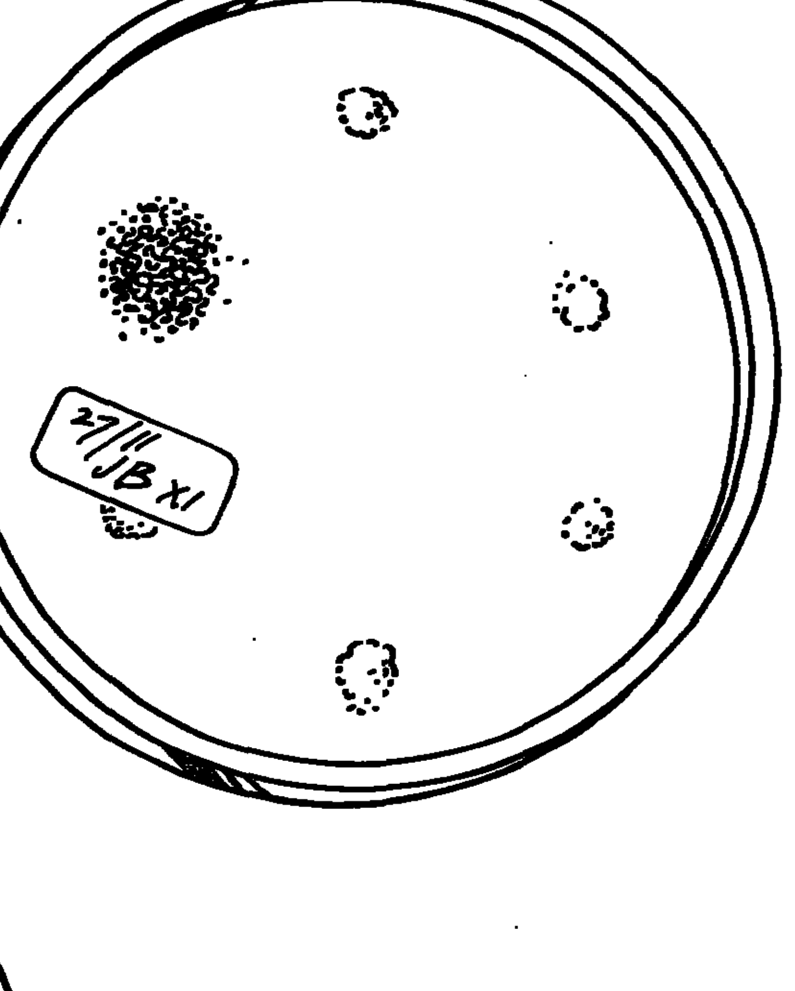

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THE TIMES UNIT TRUST INFORMATION SERVICE

	Bid	Offer	Weekly ch'ng	Yld
ABBEY UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 80, Holdenhurst Rd, Bournemouth BH8 8AL 0345 717373 (Linkline)				
Gilt & Fixed	104.0	110.0●	-0.2	10.91
High Inc Equity	94.9	100.9	+0.5	5.15
Worldwide Bond	201.9	214.7●	..	4.52
American Growth	159.9	170.0	-0.5	0.83
Asian Pacific	60.7	64.5●	..	1.75
Assets & Earns	105.1	112.8●	+0.1	2.53
Capital Reserve	65.4	65.6	..	1.53
Comm & Energy	95.1	101.1	+0.9	1.13
European Capital	103.3	109.8	-0.4	1.19
General	135.3	143.9	+0.8	2.95
Japan	80.2	85.3	+0.9	..
UK Growth Inc	102.9	109.4	+0.8	1.43
Do Accum	148.8	158.2	+0.9	0.99
US Emerging Co's	56.3	59.8●	..	0.06
Equitas Progress	203.1	216.0●	+0.9	3.34
Mastertrust Acc	68.2	72.5	+0.1	2.25
American Inc	48.3	51.3	+0.1	5.12
ALLIED DUNBAR UNIT TRUSTS Allied Dunbar Centre Swindon SN1 1EL 0793 610366 & 0793 28291				
UK Special Sits	221.5	234.8	..	3.41
Growth & Income	130.5	138.3	..	3.28
Capital Trust	217.9	231.0	..	2.59
Balanced	348.4	369.3●	..	3.59
Accum Trust	538.6	570.9●	..	3.33
American Income	34.4	36.6	..	4.07
High Income Tst	248.7	263.6	..	4.92
Equity Income	141.5	150.0	..	5.09
High Yield	144.0	152.6●	..	5.54
Govt Secs Trust	26.8	27.9	..	10.32
International	94.7	100.8	..	0.80
Japan Fund	124.2	132.3c	..	0.01
Pacific Trust	203.5	216.7c	..	0.83
Amer Spcl Sits	70.3	74.9	..	1.21
Secs Of Amer Tst	216.9	231.0●	..	0.89
Ald Asset Value	226.1	239.7●	..	3.55
Conv & Gilt Trust	33.1	34.7●	..	3.26
Smaller Co's	127.2	134.8	..	3.09
2nd Smaller Co's	160.4	170.0	..	2.36
Recovery Trust	81.2	86.1●	..	2.17
ARBUTHNOT SECURITIES 131, Finsbury Pavement, London EC2A 1AY 01-628 3676 01-280 8540/1/2/3				
Capital Growth Inc	57.7	61.7●	+0.7	1.63
Do Accum	66.1	70.6●	+0.6	1.63
Ryl Tst Pacific Basin	152.5	163.0	-0.6	0.74
Do 6% Withdrawal	79.7	85.2	-0.1	0.74
Finance & Property	70.5	75.3	+0.3	3.73
Ryl Tst Fixed & Conv	47.5	50.1●	+0.5	8.16
Do Accum	81.0	85.2●	+0.8	8.16
Equity Income	76.4	81.7	+0.1	4.68
Do Accum	181.0	193.5	+0.3	4.68
High Yield Income	75.4	80.6●	+0.1	6.82
Do Accum	204.3	218.5●	+0.8	6.82
Intl Income	86.0	91.9	-0.8	1.96
Do Accum	88.3	94.4	-0.7	1.96
Do 5% Withdrwl	79.8	85.3●	-0.7	1.96
Managed Fund	65.6	69.1	-1.1	..
Preference Income	28.2	30.1	+0.1	10.31
Do Accum	93.5	99.9	+0.2	10.31
Ryl Tst Smlr Co's	66.9	71.5●	+0.2	2.27
Portfolio Tst UK	73.5	78.2	..	1.44
Portfolio Tst Japan	100.6	104.3	-0.5	0.00
Portfolio Tst US	74.2	78.9	-0.1	1.00
Portfolio Tst Europe	127.8	132.5	-2.3	0.00
Portfolio Tst HK	52.1	54.0	-0.7	0.10
BAILLIE GIFFORD 3, Glenfinlas St, Edinburgh EH3 6YY 031-225 2581 (Dealers:031-226 6066)				
Intl Ex (22)	492.4	514.6	..	0.63
Japan Ex (43)	420.7	438.8	..	0.21
UK Ex (31)	235.7	250.8●	..	1.34
P'sal Pens Intl	541.6	570.5	..	..
P'sal Pens UK	231.5	243.7	..	..
BG America	174.2	185.4	..	0.00
BG Energy	159.0	169.2●	..	2.00
BG Income Grwth	198.4	211.1●	..	5.43
BG Japan	198.8	211.5	..	0.00
BG Technology	156.8	167.0	..	0.00
BALTIC TRUST MANAGERS 25/26 Albemarle Street, London W1X 4AD 01-491 0295				
American	48.0	51.1	+0.3	0.67
Australian	23.3	24.8	+0.3	2.12
Japan & General	114.2	121.5	+0.3	0.08
High Income	44.6	47.5●	+0.2	5.92
International Trust	87.7	93.3	..	1.39
Income Gth Tst	48.6	51.7	+0.2	3.58
Gilts & Fixed Int	19.8	21.1	-0.1	10.35
Global Markets	35.1	37.4	+0.3	1.93
Special Situations	41.8	44.5	+0.4	1.35
BARCLAYS UNICORN Unicorn House, 252, Romford Rd E7 01-534 5544				
America	91.2	96.5●	-0.5	1.45
Aust Accum	182.8	193.4●	+0.8	0.90
Do Income	128.8	136.2●	+0.5	0.90
Capital	69.9	73.9	+0.2	3.65
Exempt Trust	420.1	444.5●	+1.5	4.33
Extra Income	74.2	78.5	+0.2	5.61
Financial	231.0	244.4●	+1.5	3.07
500	266.1	281.5	+0.4	3.21
General	138.4	146.4	+0.6	3.27
Gilt & Fixed Inc	48.2	51.7●	-0.3	10.60
Japan & Gen Inc	171.0	180.9	+2.7	0.00
Do Acc	173.0	183.0	+1.3	0.00
Growth Accum	179.8	190.0	+0.8	2.27
Income Trust	337.9	357.5	+1.5	3.95
Leisure Trust	79.8	84.4	+0.2	1.55
Special Situations	142.8	151.1	+1.0	2.40
Recovery	196.1	207.5●	+0.8	2.94
Trustee Fund	105.0	111.1c	+0.4	3.06
Univ Tech Accum	56.4	59.6	+0.2	0.05
Do Income	56.8	59.0	..	0.05
Worldwide Trust	155.8	164.8	..	1.12
'B' Tst Inv Fund Acc	332.1	351.4●	+1.4	3.45
Do Inc	211.9	224.2●	+0.9	3.45
BARING FUND MANAGERS PO Box 156, Beckenham, Kent BR3 4XQ 01-658 9002				
Australia	80.0	85.5	+1.4	0.30
Eastern	73.8	78.9	+1.4	0.30
Equity Income	57.8	61.4●	+0.5	5.80
Europe	138.1	146.9●	-1.0	1.00
Growth & Inc	63.2	67.2	+0.5	3.00
Japan Special	111.5	119.2	+1.1	0.30
Japan Sunrise	94.7	101.2	+0.6	0.30
First Europe	121.3	129.0	-0.7	0.80
First Japan	91.8	98.1	+0.7	1.10
First N Amer	53.0	56.3	-0.3	1.10
First Smaller Co's	66.7	70.9	+0.1	2.70
BARRINGTON MANAGEMENT 10, Fenchurch St, London EC3 01-623 8000				
Amer Smlr Co Inc	65.7	69.3	+0.2	1.71
Do Accum	67.1	70.8	+0.2	1.71
European Inc	103.9	109.6c	-1.1	1.20
Do Accum	128.1	135.1	-1.4	1.20
Fund of Inv Tr Inc	22.1	23.3	+0.1	2.17
Do Accum	28.3	29.9	+0.2	2.17
General Inc	163.5	172.5	..	3.00
Do Accum	222.7	235.0	-0.1	3.00
Gilt Yield Inc	103.7	108.9●	-0.4	10.82
Do Accum	170.9	178.1	-0.6	10.82
High Yield Inc	92.3	97.4	+0.3	5.29
Do Accum	185.9	196.1	+0.7	5.29
Int Rec Inc	105.9	111.7●	+0.4	1.39
Do Accum	111.9	118.1●	+0.4	1.39
Japan Inc	242.8	258.2	+1.4	0.23
Do Accum	244.5	257.9	+1.2	0.23
Japanese Spec Inc	108.6	114.6	+0.3	0.36
Do Accum	109.0	115.0	+0.3	0.36
N American Inc	51.6	54.4●	-0.1	0.74
Do Accum	80.1	83.4c	-0.1	0.74
Pacific Inc	140.3	148.0	+1.5	0.58
Do Accum	158.2	166.9	+1.6	0.58
Planned Investment	134.5	142.4	..	3.98
Smaller Co's Inc	83.9	88.5●	-0.3	1.43
Do Accum	100.1	105.6	-0.3	1.43
UK Equity Gth Inc	27.1	28.6	-0.1	1.11
Do Accum	44.6	47.1	-0.2	1.11
Worldwide Tech Inc	39.8	42.0	+0.7	2.27
Do Accum	40.1	42.3	+0.7	2.27
KB Smaller Co's Inc	159.0	167.7	..	2.18
Do Accum	207.6	219.0	..	2.18
KB High Yield Inc	130.4	137.8●	+0.9	5.61
Do Accum	220.2	232.3	+1.5	5.61
BROWN SHIPLEY 9-17, Perrymount Rd, Haywards Heath 0444 458144				
Financial	127.8	135.9	+1.3	2.81
Smaller Co's Acc	238.8	253.2	+2.2	..
Do Income	151.2	161.7	+1.4	0.98
High Income	67.8	72.0	+0.7	5.69
Income	78.4	81.7	..	4.72
Man Portfolio Inc	82.3	86.3	-0.1	3.08
Do Acc	105.1	118.8	+3.3	..
North American	57.6	61.6c	+0.5	1.42
Orient	87.4	93.5	-0.2	0.25
BUCKMASTER MANAGEMENT The Stock Exchange London EC2P 2JT 01-588 2868				
Fellowship Inc	51.2	54.5	-0.4	3.00
General Inc (4)	221.2	231.1●	..	2.99
Do Accum (4)	356.3	372.2	..	2.99
Income Fund (3)	103.4	108.2	..	5.00
Do Accum (3)	184.8	193.5	..	5.00
Intl Inc (2)	136.0	141.8	..	1.52
Do Accum (2)	180.9	188.6	..	1.52
Smaller Inc (5)	£12.19	12.88	..	2.82
Do Accum (5)	£12.98	13.72	..	2.82
CS FUND MANAGERS 125, High Holborn, London WC1V 6PY 01-242 1148				
CS Japan Fund	86.5	92.0c	+0.4	0.64
CANNON FUND MANAGERS 1, Olympic Way, Wembley, HA9 0NB 01-902 8876				
Growth	289.3	305.1	+0.8	2.97
Income	334.9	354.4	+1.3	4.12
Far East	239.7	255.1	+0.1	0.25
North American	155.7	164.8	-1.0	0.56
Global	55.4	58.5	-0.3	0.80
European	58.0	61.4	-0.4	1.22
Japan	61.0	64.9	+0.6	0.50
CAPEL (JAMES) MANAGEMENT PO Box 551 Bevis Marks London EC3 7JQ 01-621 0011				
Capital	367.5	391.0	..	1.81
Income	282.3	300.4	..	4.93
North American	299.8	318.8	..	0.90
CATER ALLEN 1, King William St, EC4N 7AU 01-623 6314				
Gilt Trust	86.3	92.4●	-0.5	12.95
CENTRAL BOARD OF FINANCE OF CHURCH OF ENGLAND 2, Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ 01-588 1815				
Inv Fund	413.55		..	4.52
Fixed Int	131.3		..	10.89
Deposit	100.0		..	10.60
CHASE MANHATTAN FUND MANAGERS 72/73 Basinghall Street, London EC2V 5DP 01-606 6622				
S & C Special Sits	56.3	59.5	..	0.64
CHARITIES OFFICIAL INVESTMENT FUND 2, Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ 01-588 1815				
Income	394.68		..	4.94
Accum	£11.187		..	
Deposit	100.0		..	10.65
CLERICAL MEDICAL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS Narrow Plain, Bristol BS2 0JH 0800 373393				
Amer Growth	25.9	27.5	..	1.90
Equity High Income	43.4	46.0●	+0.2	4.50
European Growth	32.0	33.9●	-0.1	2.00
General Equity	38.2	40.5	..	2.70
Gilt & Fixed Int Gth	26.9	28.4	-0.2	3.60
Gilt & Fixed Inc	22.5	23.7●	-0.1	9.50
Index Securities	24.6	25.9	..	2.40
Intl Inc Tst	23.9	25.3	..	5.00
Japan Growth	34.9	37.0	+0.3	0.90
Pedigree Gth	24.0	25.5	+0.1	2.50
COUNTY UT MANAGERS LTD 161, Cheapside, London EC2V 6EU 01-726 1999				
Energy Trust	49.2	52.0	+0.1	4.03
Extra Income	168.3	178.1	+0.8	5.25
Financial	169.8	179.7	+0.8	2.31
Gilt Strategy	56.2	58.0●	-0.1	1.98
Growth Investment	282.3	298.8	+1.4	2.57
Income & Growth	41.7	44.1●	+0.3	4.61
Japanese Growth	196.7	208.2	+0.3	0.60
Nth Amer Growth	108.7	115.1●	-0.8	1.41
Intl Recovery	115.2	122.9	..	2.15
Smaller Co's	221.5	234.6	-0.1	1.82
Global Inc Tst	51.4	55.0●	..	5.46
Special Sits Acc	284.4	301.0	+0.4	1.61
CROWN UNIT TRUST SERVICES Crown House, Woking GU21 1XW 04862 5033				
High Income Trust	251.9	268.0	+1.4	4.88
Growth Trust	223.3	237.6	+1.3	3.03
American Trust	131.4	139.8	-1.1	0.72
CRUSADER UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD Reigate, Surrey RH2 8BL 07372 42424				
UK Income	47.9	51.2	+0.3	4.72
UK Growth Accum	48.7	52.1	+0.3	2.41
Do Dist	48.7	52.1	+0.3	2.41
European Growth	60.3	64.2	+0.3	1.86
Pacific Growth	56.7	60.6	+0.3	0.61
EFM UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 4, Melville Crescent, Edinburgh 031-226 3492				
American Fund	74.0	78.8●	-0.2	1.27
Capital Fund	100.8	107.3	+0.3	1.58
Growth & Inc Fund	130.0	138.4	+0.4	4.52
High Dist Fund	109.6	116.7●	+0.3	5.76
International Fund	214.8	228.7	+0.9	0.98
Resources Fund	25.3	26.9	-0.1	0.37
Smlr Jap Co's Fnd	35.1	37.3	+0.2	..
Tokyo Fund	169.3	180.3	+0.5	0.09
(Ex) Amer (2)	147.0	151.0	..	3.63
(Ex) Japan (3)	112.1	115.1●	..	0.18
(Ex) Pacific (4)	331.5	340.7	..	0.29
(Ex) Smaller Jap (4)	204.0	209.6	..	0.10
Eurofund	29.5	31.4	..	3.18
EAGLE STAR UNIT TRUST MANAGERS Bath Road, Cheltenham, Gloucester GL53 7LQ 0242 521311				
UK Balanced Inc	70.0	74.3●	+0.3	3.19
Do Accum	71.8	76.2●	+0.3	3.11
UK Growth Accum	89.8	95.3	+0.4	2.15
UK High Inc Inc	67.8	71.9●	+0.5	4.86
N American Accum	70.3	75.0	-0.1	0.71
Far Eastern Accum	112.3	119.8	+1.7	0.85
European Accum	92.3	98.4	-0.3	1.17
UK Gilt & FI Inc	49.5	52.5●	-0.2	9.33
Do Accum	52.6	55.8●	-0.3	8.78
ENDURANCE FUND MANAGEMENT LTD Admin Centre, Hexagon House, 28, Western Road, Romford RM1 3LB 0708-66966				
Endurance	111.4	118.6	..	3.02
EQUITABLE UNITS ADMINISTRATION 35, Fountain St, Manchester 061-236 5685				
Equitable Pelican	74.9	79.7	+0.4	3.49
High Income Trust	75.4	80.3●	+0.3	5.83
Gilt & Fixed Int	48.6	51.8	-0.2	9.17
Tst Of Inv Trusts	72.0	76.6	+0.4	1.95
Special Sits Trust	75.4	80.3	+0.5	2.34
Nth Amer Trust	61.9	65.9	+0.1	1.62
Far Eastern Trust	100.4	106.9	+1.8	0.43
Intl Growth	56.8	60.5	..	1.07
EQUITY & LAW St. George Hse Corporation St. Coventry CV1 1QD 0203 553231				
UK Growth Accum	149.0	158.5●	+1.2	3.31
Do Income	127.7	135.8●	+1.0	3.31
Higher Inc Accum	250.8	266.8●	+1.8	4.52
Do Income	198.2	210.8●	+1.4	4.52
Gilts/Fixed Accum	93.1	97.9	-0.4	9.28
Do Income	77.0	81.0	-0.4	9.28
Nth Amer Tst Accum	139.9	148.8	-1.0	0.02
Far East Tst Accum	176.3	187.1●	+1.1	0.13
Euro Tst Accum	175.1	186.2	-2.7	0.81
General Trust	238.3	254.5	+1.7	3.36
F & C UNIT MANAGEMENT 1, Laurence Pountney Hill, London EC4R 0BA 01-623 4680				
US Smaller Co's	73.5	78.2	+0.2	0.22
Capital Fund	113.8	121.2	+0.5	0.24
UK Income Fund	76.7	81.6	+0.9	4.84
Far Eastern Fund	77.3	82.3	+1.1	0.00
Overseas Income	76.2	81.1●	-0.1	3.35
Fixed Interest	53.6	57.1●	-0.1	9.00
Natural Res Fund	49.4	52.6	..	3.24
European Income	88.0	93.7	-0.3	2.70
Financials Fund	49.0	52.2	+0.1	2.87
FS INVESTMENT MANAGERS 190, West George St, Glasgow G2 2PA 041-332 3132				
Balanced Gth Inc	44.4	47.2	+0.2	1.40
Do Accum	45.3	48.2	+0.2	..
Income Gth Inc	40.8	43.4●	+0.2	5.30
Do Accum	43.7	46.5●	+0.4	..
Service Co's Inc	51.3	54.6●	-0.3	1.90
Do Accum	52.1	55.4●	-0.3	..
FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVICES LTD River Walk, Tonbridge, TN9 1DY 0732 361144				
American	108.7	115.3●	-1.3	0.72
Amer Equity Income	35.7	38.2	-0.2	4.35
Amer Special Sits	56.1	60.0	+0.2	0.51
Australia	33.2	35.2	+0.4	1.97
European	45.9	48.4	+0.1	0.00
Far East Inc	35.8	37.9●	-0.3	4.10
Gilt & Fixed Int	28.7	29.9	+0.1	9.87
Growth & Income	94.4	101.0●	-1.7	4.77
Japan Special Sits	41.3	44.0	-0.3	..
Japan	145.8	156.0	-0.9	..
Managed Intl	148.3	153.3	-1.1	0.06
Max Income Equity	81.3	87.5●	..	5.15
Professional Gilt	32.8	35.1	..	2.39
South East Asia	41.7	44.4	-0.5	0.20
Special Sits	171.7	184.7	+0.1	0.55
FLEMING (ROBERT) 8, Crosby Sq, London EC3A 6AN 01-638 5858				
American Exempt	£369.3	374.6	..	1.34
Japan Exempt	£454.2	463.4	..	0.71
Am Property Tst	$10000.0		..	5.00
Property Trust	£2023.0		..	5.80
FRAMLINGTON UNIT MANAGEMENT 3, London Wall Bldgs, London Wall, London EC2M 5NQ 01-628 5181				
Amer & Gen Inc	223.8	235.8	+2.1	..
Do Accum	228.6	241.8	+2.1	..
Amer Turnarnd Inc	211.4	223.6	+1.0	1.21
Do Accum	219.4	232.0	+1.2	1.21
Capital Tst Inc	203.2	215.0	+2.2	2.34
Do Accum	247.6	262.0	+2.3	2.34
Conv & Gilt Inc	88.0	93.0c	..	5.31
Do Accum	117.0	123.8c	+0.1	5.31
Extra Inc Tst Inc	167.2	176.9	+0.4	4.61
Do Accum	181.4	191.8	+0.6	4.61
Income Trust	120.4	127.4●	+0.9	4.11
Do Accum	128.8	136.2●	+0.6	4.11
Intl Growth Fd Inc	167.0	176.6	+0.4	..
Do Accum	185.8	196.4	+0.7	..
Japan & Gen Inc	95.6	101.0	+0.8	0.07
Do Accum	96.8	102.2	+1.1	0.07
Monthly Income Fd	84.6	89.4●	+0.6	4.93
Recovery	148.4	157.0	+0.4	1.45
Do Accum	161.6	170.8	+0.4	1.45
European Inc	68.2	72.0	+0.2	0.80
Do Accum	68.2	72.0	+0.2	0.80
Financial Inc	48.8	51.6	..	1.00
Do Accum	48.8	51.6	..	1.00
FRIENDS PROVIDENT MANAGERS Pixham End, Dorking, Surrey 0306 885055				
FP Equity Dist	195.5	208.6●	+1.0	2.81
Do Accum	331.0	351.2●	+2.5	2.81
FP Fixed Int Dist	102.5	109.0●	-0.5	8.59
Do Accum	121.2	128.9●	-0.5	8.59
Stewardship Dist	172.1	182.8●	+1.5	1.72
Do Accum	179.1	190.1●	+1.5	1.72
FUNDS IN COURT Public Trustee Kingsway WC2 01-405 4300				
Capital	365.7	376.5	..	2.66
Gross Inc	152.7	157.5c	..	7.37
High Yield	225.4	228.3	..	5.85
GT UNIT MANAGERS 8th Floor, 8, Devonshire Sq, London EC2M 4YJ 01-283 2575 Dealing 01-626 9431				
Amer Special Sits	64.9	69.1	..	1.10
UK Cap Fnd Inc	101.3	107.8	+0.4	2.70
Do Accum	145.5	154.8	+0.6	2.70
Income Fund	78.6	83.7	+0.4	6.00
Pension Exempt	185.8	193.8	+0.2	1.70
International	177.7	189.1	-0.9	0.90
US & General	57.6	61.3●	-0.2	0.80
Tech & Growth	84.9	89.1	..	1.10
Japan & General	249.8	265.8	+0.9	0.10
Far East & Gen	125.3	134.4●	+1.5	0.40
European Fund	282.2	300.3	-1.9	0.30
Germany Fund	78.1	83.1	-0.6	0.80
Intl Inc Fund	51.3	54.6●	..	4.60
GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS 2, St Mary Axe, London EC3A 8BP 01-623 1212 Dealing 01-623 5766 Dealing 01-623 5806				
American Trust	88.2	93.8	-0.3	0.29
Australian Trust	25.9	27.3	+0.2	0.17
British Tst Accum	62.4	66.3	+0.3	1.80
Do Dist	54.1	57.5	+0.3	1.80
Commodity Share	74.8	79.4●	+0.4	1.40
European Trust	57.6	61.2	-0.2	0.80
Extra Income Trust	49.6	52.7●	+0.4	5.06
Far Eastern Trust	151.4	160.7	+0.6	0.00
Fixed Interest Fund	25.0	26.6	..	10.76
Intl Fixed Int Tst	24.7	26.3c	-0.1	8.71
Global Fund Accum	187.9	199.4●	+0.3	0.30
Do Dist	178.8	189.8●	+0.4	0.30
Gold Share Trust	15.6	16.6●	-0.1	1.49
Hedged American	31.6	33.5●	-0.3	0.50
High Income Trust	146.0	155.0	+0.9	5.57
Hong Kong Trust	37.4	39.7	+0.6	1.20
Income Fund	79.6	84.5	+0.4	3.03
Insurance Agencies	£49.35	51.41	+0.16	2.03
Japan Trust	139.9	148.5	+2.8	0.00
Managed Exempt	258.8	269.6	+0.5	2.22
Oil & Energy Trust	35.2	37.3	+0.1	2.50
Special Sits Trust	99.1	105.2	+0.2	0.81
UK Smlr C's Rec Tst	75.1	79.7	-0.3	0.73
GOVETT (JOHN) UNIT MANAGEMENT Winchester Hse, 77, London Wall, London EC2N 1DA 01-588 5620				
Intl Growth	85.9	91.3●	+0.1	0.15
American Growth	67.6	71.9	-0.2	0.86
American Inc	74.4	79.1	+0.1	4.42
European Growth	245.3	262.9	-0.9	0.43
Gold & Minerals	47.7	51.0	+0.7	0.66
Japan Growth	159.8	170.9	+0.9	..
GRE UNIT MANAGERS Royal Exchange, EC3P 3DN 01-588 5903				
Gilt & Fixed Int	110.0	114.9	+0.6	9.78
Growth Equity	198.6	210.2●	+1.0	2.07
Guardhill	274.4	284.3	+0.7	2.90
N American	149.6	159.4	-0.2	1.32
Pacific	264.5	279.9	+2.9	0.09
Property Share	277.0	293.2	+1.0	1.36
Smaller Companies	217.3	230.5	+0.2	1.65
European Trust	278.8	294.9●	-1.4	0.59
GUINNESS MAHON UNIT TRUST MANAGERS PO Box 442, 32 St Mary-at-Hill, London EC3P 3AJ 01-623 9333				
High Income	52.4	56.2	+2.0	8.31
N Amer Trust	115.2	122.6	-0.4	0.78
Recovery	231.1	245.9	+3.5	2.08
Gilt Trust	35.6	37.1●	-0.2	9.77
St Vincent Inc	83.3	88.6	+0.6	5.31
St Vincent US Gth	73.8	78.8	-0.5	0.72
Temple Bar Sm Co's	187.1	197.4	..	3.42
Euro Gth Tst	49.1	52.0	..	0.80
HAMBROS BANK UNIT TRUST MANAGERS Admin: 5, Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex. Enquiries 0277 227300 Dealing 0277 217916				
Hambros Smlr Co's	136.1	144.4	+0.3	1.79
Hambros N Amer	68.0	72.1●	-0.1	0.90
Hambros Jap & F E	127.1	134.9●	+1.4	0.44
Hambros Scandvn	84.1	89.2	-0.3	0.86
Hambros European	109.5	116.2	+0.1	0.79
Hambros Canadian	50.6	53.7●	+2.8	1.21
Hambros Equity Inc	85.1	90.3●	+0.5	4.81
Hambros High Inc	59.2	62.8	+0.2	5.57
Hambros Res Assts	82.7	87.5	+0.6	1.88
Hambros Intl Sits	55.9	59.3	+0.2	0.84
HENDERSON Premier UT Administration Admin 5, Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex. Enquiries 0277 227300 Dealing 0277 217238				
Amer Recovery Tst	113.9	121.3●	-0.3	0.18
Amer Smaller Co's	51.9	55.5	..	0.01
Australian	84.0	89.5	+0.7	1.18
Capital Growth Inc	63.5	68.1	+0.2	1.71
Do Accum	64.4	68.8	+0.2	1.71
European	280.8	298.7●	-0.4	0.70
Euro Inc Tst	49.1	51.7	..	3.98
Euro Smaller Co's	108.1	112.9	-0.1	0.03
Extra Income	172.2	183.4●	+1.1	4.33
Financial Trust	158.2	165.2●	+1.1	2.98
Fixed Interest Tst	51.2	54.3●	-0.1	10.34
Gilt Trust	38.8	42.2●	-0.3	9.82
Global Healthcare	73.1	77.9	+0.8	0.01
Global Resources	79.9	85.1	+0.4	1.05
Global Tech	113.8	121.0	-0.1	0.01
Gold	58.5	63.6	-0.2	2.44
High Income Tst	184.9	196.5●	+1.4	4.85
Hong Kong	69.0	73.4	+1.2	1.24
Income & Growth Inc	145.9	155.2●	+0.8	3.44
Do Accum	289.1	307.5●	+1.3	3.44
Income Assets	110.5	117.5	+0.8	3.29
International	188.7	199.7	+0.8	0.79
Japan Special Sits	188.1	198.0	+0.7	0.01
Japan Tst	178.4	189.8	+0.9	0.01
North American	147.5	157.9	-0.2	0.61
Pacific Smaller Co's	81.6	86.8	+0.6	1.15
Pref & Gilt	45.1	48.0●	..	10.25
Recovery Tst	98.4	104.8	+0.2	2.88
Singapore & Malay	34.3	36.5	+0.2	1.40
Smaller Co's Div	116.4	124.0●	+0.5	4.59
Special Sits Inc	131.0	139.5	+0.8	1.80
Do Accum	185.6	197.7	+1.1	1.80
Worldwide	377.0	399.8	..	2.86
Euro Exempt	136.1	143.3	-0.2	1.85
Global Tech Exempt	93.8	98.7●	-0.4	1.02
High Income Exempt	122.3	128.7●	+0.5	4.50
Japan Exempt	174.7	183.9	+1.1	0.29
N Amer Exempt	89.3	94.0●	-0.1	1.32
Pacific Exempt	203.1	213.8●	+2.8	2.09
Smaller Co's Exempt	118.0	124.2●	+0.4	1.68
HILL SAMUEL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS NLA Tower, Addiscombe Road, Croydon 01-686 4355 01-628 8011				
British Trust Units	527.7	558.5●	+3.6	3.22
Capital Trust Units	105.8	112.0	+0.7	2.87
Dollar Trust Units	196.1	207.5	-0.6	2.33
European Trust	152.9	161.8	-1.0	0.93
Far East Trust	142.3	150.8c	+1.1	0.55
Financial Trust	368.8	390.3	+1.4	2.77
Gilt Fixed Int Inc	26.0	27.1●	..	10.59
Do Growth	40.0	42.5	..	8.00
High Yield Trust	83.3	88.2●	+0.3	5.09
Income Trust	80.3	85.0●	-0.7	4.84
International	142.4	150.7	+0.7	1.22
Japan Tech Tst	39.4	41.7	+0.4	0.09
Natural Resources	37.4	39.6	..	1.90
Security Trust	187.2	198.2	+1.1	3.31
Smaller Cos	89.2	94.4	+0.2	1.91
Special Sits	96.3	102.0	+1.9	2.47
US Smaller Cos	24.8	26.3	+0.3	0.95
IBI FUND MANAGERS 32, Queen Annes Gate, London SW1H 9AB 01-222 1000				
IBI Brit & O'seas	142.5	150.8●	+0.3	1.70
IBI Inc Plus	57.3	60.7	+0.6	9.20
IBI Capital Growth	57.8	61.2	+0.2	1.90
Investment Tst Fnd	75.6	80.1●	+0.1	3.40
KEY FUND MANAGERS 35, Fountain Street, Manchester (03038) 93364				
Equity & Gen	44.3	47.3	+0.2	1.89
Gilt & Fixed Int Fund	62.4	66.4	..	10.86
Higher Inc	119.4	127.7●	-0.1	5.01
Income	49.7	53.1●	..	3.61
International	277.2	296.5●	-0.4	1.00
KLEINWORT BENSON "SEE BARRINGTON MGMT CO LTD"				
L & C UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT Piercy House, Copthall Ave, EC2R 7BE 01-588 2800				
Income Fund	446.5	455.7	..	5.33
International & Gen	264.9	270.4	..	0.99
LEGAL & GENERAL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 5, Rayleigh Road, Brentwood Essex 0277 234634				
Equity Distribution	266.1	283.1	+2.3	2.77
Do Accum	420.8	447.7	+3.7	2.77
Do Income	82.1	86.1	+0.3	4.93
European	79.0	84.0	+0.3	1.64
Far Eastern	121.3	129.0	+1.3	0.70
Gilt Trust	59.5	63.3	-0.6	8.04
O'seas Equity	88.2	93.8●	+0.1	1.61
Natural Res	72.9	77.5	+0.4	1.82
N American Trust	84.0	88.4	-0.3	1.62
UK Special Sits	64.8	68.9	+0.6	0.29
International Bond	47.8	50.9	+0.1	8.92
Japanese Tst	51.6	54.9	+0.3	0.91
Managed Tst	48.4	51.5	+0.1	2.81
LLOYDS BANK UNIT TRUST MANAGERS Registrars Dpt, Goring-By-Sea, Worthing, W Sussex 0444 459144				
Balanced	180.4	191.9●	+1.1	3.25
Do Accum	325.7	346.4●	+2.1	3.25
Cont Euro Gth Inc	47.0	50.0	-1.2	0.29
Do Accum	47.0	50.0	-1.2	0.29
Energy Intl	56.0	58.5	+0.4	2.87
Do Accum	61.6	65.5	+0.4	2.87
Extra Income	159.1	169.2●	+0.7	5.23
Do Accum	291.5	310.2●	+1.2	5.23
German Gth Inc	76.1	80.9	-0.1	0.16
Do Accum	76.4	81.2	-0.1	0.16
Income	270.3	287.5	+1.2	4.71
Do Accum	543.0	577.6	+2.2	4.71
Intl Tech	196.8	209.3●	+0.3	0.25
Do Accum	205.9	219.0●	+0.3	0.25
Japan Growth	82.5	87.7	+0.3	0.02
Do Accum	82.7	87.9	+0.3	0.02
N Amer & Gen	108.1	115.0	-0.6	1.18
Do Accum	116.8	124.2	-0.6	1.18
Pacific Basin	145.5	154.7	+0.8	0.02
Do Accum	151.5	161.5	+0.8	0.02
Smaller Cos & Rec	194.1	206.4●	+0.8	2.06
Do Accum	219.2	233.1●	+0.8	2.06
Worldwide Growth	218.7	232.6●	+2.4	0.40
Do Accum	309.0	327.6●	+3.2	0.40
UK Growth Fund	48.1	51.1●	+0.3	2.04
LONDON & MANCHESTER Winslade Park, Exeter EX5 1DS 0392 52155				
General Trust	43.0	45.7●	+0.4	3.70
Income Trust	36.7	39.0	+0.3	6.20
International Trust	38.9	41.3	..	0.60
American	34.3	36.4●	-0.1	2.00
Japan	48.9	51.9	+0.4	0.00
Trust of Inv	31.6	33.6	+0.1	2.20
M & G SECURITIES Three Quays, Tower Hill EC3R 6BQ 01-626 4588				
Amer & Gen Inc	232.3	245.1	-0.3	1.34
Do Accum	270.8	285.7	-0.4	1.34
Amer Recovery	247.9	261.5●	+1.4	0.55
Do Accum	271.1	286.0●	+1.4	0.55
Am Smaller Co Acc	58.2	61.4	+0.4	0.42
Australia Acc	128.1	131.7	+1.2	0.61
Commodity Acc.	239.3	254.9	+0.1	2.86
Compound Growth	419.5	448.9	+0.3	3.21
Conversion Growth	334.8	358.0	-0.7	2.86
Do Inc	194.1	204.8	+1.2	5.79
Dividend Fund Inc	412.9	435.8●	+3.8	5.19
Do Accum	£12.38	13.04●	+0.11	5.19
European Acc	288.3	304.2	-2.1	0.99
Extra Yield Inc	231.8	244.5	+1.5	5.63
Do Accum	508.5	538.3	+3.2	5.63
Far Eastern Inc	165.1	174.2	+2.5	1.17
Do Accum	202.0	213.1	+3.2	1.17
Fund Of Inv Inc	261.0	275.4●	+0.7	2.90
Do Acc	413.9	436.7	+1.0	2.90
General Income	643.9	679.3	+2.8	3.98
Do Accum	£13.65	14.40	+0.05	3.98
Gilt & Fixed Int	55.2	58.0●	-0.3	10.07
Do Accum	86.9	91.2●	-0.5	10.07
Gold Income	49.4	49.4	+0.2	2.53
Do Accum	49.6	52.8	+0.2	2.53
High Income Inc	318.4	339.1●	-3.9	5.39
Do Accum	877.4	934.4	-4.9	5.39
Intl Growth Inc	759.7	843.7	+1.4	1.76
Do Accum	£12.87	13.58	+0.02	1.76
Intl Inc	82.5	85.9	+0.2	5.16
Japan Acc	870.0	917.9	+2.5	0.01
Japan Smaller Acc	87.9	93.2	+0.6	0.00
Midland & Gen Inc	579.8	611.5●	+1.6	4.24
Do Accum	£14.65	15.45●	+0.03	4.24
Recovery Fund Inc	369.2	389.9	+1.9	3.33
Do Accum	479.3	515.2	+2.5	3.33
Second Gen Inc	725.1	765.0●	-10.5	3.87
Do Accum	£14.52	15.32●	+0.01	3.87
Smaller Cos Inc	678.1	728.8	-1.9	2.91
Do Accum	£10.86	11.46	-0.02	2.91
Trustee Fund Inc	451.8	481.2	+0.7	4.81
Charifund Inc (3)	101.7	●	..	11.70
Charifund Inc (2)	402.5	405.6●	..	5.73
Pension Exempt (1)	478.3	495.4	-1.6	4.25
NAACIF Inc (3)	37.1	●	..	8.48
Do Accum (3)	457.4	●	..	8.48
MIM BRITANNIA UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD 74/78, Finsbury Pavement, London EC2A 1JD 01-588 2777 Dealing:01-638 0478/9				
UK Specialist Trusts				
Growth Gilt	59.5	60.4	..	2.69
Smaller Co's	141.2	148.8	..	1.39
UK Market Features	85.0	90.2	..	1.74
Do Accum	89.1	94.5	..	1.74
General Funds				
UK Growth	36.9	39.2●	..	2.24
Managed Inv	59.9	63.6	..	2.56
High Income Funds				
Extra Inc	57.1	60.6	..	7.39
Gilt	24.5	25.8c	..	8.44
Inc & Growth	203.8	216.0●	..	4.45
Nat High Inc	195.2	208.2	..	5.37
Pref Shares	17.2	18.2●	..	10.26
Sector Specialist Funds				
Commodity	143.2	151.9●	..	1.74
Financial Secs	47.8	50.7●	..	1.12
Gold	59.6	63.9	..	0.55
Do Accum	61.7	66.2	..	0.55
Intl Leisure	15.5	16.4●	..	0.02
Prop Shares	65.3	69.3	..	0.82
Univ Energy	40.4	42.9	..	0.83
World Tech	43.5	46.2	..	0.00
Exempt Funds				
Exempt	84.6	89.1	..	3.87
Overseas Growth Fund				
Amer Growth	106.8	113.3	..	1.55
Aust Growth	78.9	83.7	..	1.01
European Perf	93.7	99.4	..	0.34
Do Accum	94.0	99.7	..	0.34
Euro Smaller	17.4	18.5	..	0.73
Far East	60.1	63.8	..	0.09
Hong Kong	33.2	35.2	..	1.29
Intl Growth	39.3	41.7●	..	1.14
Intl Recovery	111.2	118.0	..	0.46
Japan Perf	79.5	84.3	..	0.00
Japan Smaller Cos	16.2	17.2	..	0.00
US Small Co	68.9	73.1●	..	0.00
Do Accum	69.7	73.9●	..	0.00
Overseas Income Funds				
Intl High Inc	57.5	61.0●	..	4.92
US Income	61.0	64.7	..	4.04
Do Accum	66.2	70.2	..	4.04
NEL Trusts				
Nelstar Gilt	88.1	89.8	..	10.07
MLA UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT 99-100, Sandling Rd, Maidstone, Kent ME14 1XX 0622 674751				
MLA American	25.1	26.6	-0.2	0.98
MLA General	33.4	35.3●	+0.2	2.12
MLA International	39.9	42.4	+0.3	0.23
MLA Gilt Unit	21.5	22.8●	-0.1	11.40
MLA Income	41.9	44.4●	+0.1	5.06
MLA European	32.3	34.2	..	0.73
MANULIFE MANAGEMENT St Georges Way, Stevenage Herts 0438 356101				
Growth Units	75.0	79.7	..	3.03
Gilt & Fixed Int	103.1	108.7	..	7.79
High Income Units	115.1	122.3	..	4.59
High Yield Gilt Unit	57.0	59.0	..	9.87
Intl Growth Units	146.7	155.9	..	0.25
N American Units	74.8	79.5	..	0.75
Far East Units	99.1	105.3	..	0.06
Smaller Cos Fund	73.0	77.6	..	2.02
MENCAP UNIT TRUST Unicorn Hse, 252, Romford Rd, E7 01-234 5544				
Mencap	134.8	142.6●	+0.4	4.85
MERCURY FUND MANAGERS LTD 33, King William St. EC4R 9AS 01-280 2060				
Amer Growth	99.2	104.9●	+0.1	1.59
Do Accum	103.5	109.5●	+0.1	1.59
Amer Income	52.7	55.7	+0.3	4.08
Do Accum	56.3	59.5	+0.4	4.08
European Growth	143.5	151.8	-0.6	0.99
Do Accum	148.6	157.2	-0.5	0.99
General	246.5	260.8	+1.3	1.94
Do Accum	404.7	428.2	+2.2	1.94
Gilt & Fixed	79.1	79.4●	-0.3	8.82
Do Accum	92.1	92.5●	-0.4	8.02
Income	88.9	90.8	+0.2	4.97
Do Accum	98.7	102.3	+0.2	4.97
International	273.2	289.1c	+0.3	1.82
Do Accum	338.8	358.5c	+0.3	1.82
Japan	186.9	197.7	+0.8	0.00
Do Accum	191.3	202.4	+0.9	0.00
Recovery	203.2	215.0●	+1.0	2.48
Do Accum	219.2	231.9●	+1.1	2.48
Exempt Dist	224.4	240.4	..	2.70
Exempt Accum	364.9	374.2	..	2.70
Euro Income Fund	82.5	87.3c	-0.7	3.46
Do Accum	84.0	88.8c	-0.1	3.46
MIDLAND BANK GROUP UNIT TRUST MANAGERS Courtwood Hse, Silver St Head, Sheffield S1 3RD 0742 769842				
Capital Income	77.3	82.0	+0.1	2.35
Do Accum	105.1	111.7	+0.2	2.35
Commodity & Gen	129.5	137.4●	+0.7	2.75
Do Accum	184.3	195.5●	+1.0	2.75
Extra High Inc	58.6	62.1	..	8.11
Do Accum	69.3	73.5	..	8.11
Gilt & Fixed Inc	49.2	51.3●	..	9.89
Do Accum	83.2	85.8●	..	9.89
High Yield	155.9	165.4●	+0.6	5.77
Do Accum	270.8	287.3●	+1.1	5.77
Income	173.9	184.5	+0.9	3.83
Do Accum	286.1	305.6	+1.4	3.83
Japan & Pacific	305.4	324.0	+2.8	0.20
Do Accum	320.3	339.8	+2.9	0.20
N American Inc	118.6	125.8●	-0.5	1.45
Do Accum	142.8	151.4●	-0.6	1.45
Euro Gth Inc	136.9	145.2●	-0.3	1.36
Do Accum	164.5	174.6●	-0.5	1.36
Managed Portfolio	53.7	56.8	+0.1	3.55
Smaller Cos Inc	119.7	127.0	+0.5	2.43
Do Accum	127.6	135.5	+0.6	2.43
MURRAY JOHNSTONE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT 163, Hope Street, Glasgow G2 2UH 041 221 9252				
American	125.0	133.4	-0.4	2.87
European	272.9	291.3	-0.2	1.23
Smaller Cos	221.5	236.4●	-0.1	0.81
NATIONAL PROVIDENT INVESTMENT MANAGERS 48, Gracechurch St, EC3P 3HH 01-623 4200 Ext 289				
NPI UK	197.7	210.4●	..	3.30
Do Accum	322.8	343.5●	..	3.30
NPI Overseas	635.2	675.8	..	1.10
Do Accum	777.6	827.5	..	1.10
Far East Acc	95.2	101.3	..	0.60
American Acc	63.9	68.0●	..	1.40
European Acc	59.6	63.5	..	0.40
Worldwide Acc	55.1	58.7	..	1.10
NORWICH UT MANAGERS PO Box 4, Norwich NR1 3NG 0603 622200				
Group Trust	£12.17	12.81	+0.08	3.70
Intl Trust	144.0	151.5	-0.4	1.81
OPPENHEIMER TRUST MANAGEMENT 66, Cannon Street, London EC4N 6AE dealings 01-236 3885/6/7/8/9/0				
International Growth	151.8	161.5	+0.5	0.25
Income & Growth	58.7	62.5	+0.1	3.88
Worldwide Rec	94.0	100.0c	+0.2	0.65
American Growth	34.1	36.3	+0.1	..
Japan Growth	55.9	59.5●	..	0.00
European Growth	75.7	80.5	..	0.03
UK Growth	53.3	56.8●	..	1.63
Pacific Growth	48.7	51.8●	+0.5	..
High Income	34.2	36.4	-0.2	7.35
Financial Income	61.4	65.4	+0.3	1.89
Do Accum	112.8	120.0	+0.6	1.89
PEARL TRUST 252, High Holborn, WC1V 7EB 01-405 8441				
Growth Fund Inc	91.2	97.0	-0.2	2.37
Do Accum	137.0	145.7	+0.4	2.37
Income Fund	123.0	130.9	+0.6	3.84
Intl Equity Inc	142.0	151.1	+0.3	1.28
Do Accum	143.3	152.4	+0.3	1.28
Unit Trust Inc	129.3	137.8●	+0.7	2.86
Do Accum	225.3	240.7●	+1.1	2.86
PERPETUAL UNIT TRUST 48, Hart Street, Henley On Thames 0491 576868				
Intl Growth	284.5	303.8	+0.5	0.73
Income	191.7	204.2	+0.9	4.84
Worldwide Rec	160.3	171.1	+3.3	1.37
Amer Growth	70.8	75.6	-0.3	0.80
Intl Emerg Co's	82.4	88.0	+1.2	0.55
Far East Grwth	84.4	90.2●	+0.1	0.66
Europe Gth	63.0	67.3●	-0.1	1.27
PROLIFIC UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD 222, Bishopsgate, London EC2 01-247 7544/7				
International	125.8	133.9	-0.1	0.92
High Income	61.5	65.9●	+0.1	4.24
Conv & Gilt	97.1	103.3●	..	6.06
Far Eastern	184.6	197.5	+2.0	0.02
North American	130.6	139.7	..	0.07
Special Sits	73.3	75.2●	+0.2	1.70
Technology	117.9	126.1●	-0.4	0.00
Extra Income	88.8	96.1c	+0.6	4.57
Euro Gth & Inc	47.5	50.7	..	3.18
PRUDENTIAL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 51-59, Ilford Hill, Ilford Essex, IG1 2DL 01-478 3377				
Holborn Equity	401.1	424.4	+2.8	3.13
European	111.9	119.0●	-0.1	0.52
Holborn Comms	53.0	55.9	..	0.57
Holborn High Inc	64.3	68.0●	+0.8	6.32
Holborn Intl	106.7	112.9	+0.3	0.78
Japanese	106.1	112.2	+1.2	0.05
N American	77.8	82.3●	-0.2	0.80
Holborn Spec Sits	64.3	68.1●	+0.3	1.35
Holborn UK Growth	80.8	85.5	+0.6	2.03
Holborn Gilt Trust	178.5	188.0	-0.8	2.52
Holborn Smlr Cos	49.9	52.7	+0.3	2.18
Holborn Eqty Inc	..	..	..	..
QUILTER MANAGEMENT COMPANY 31-45 Gresham St, London EC2V 7LH 01-600 4177				
Quadrant General	441.2	468.9	..	2.81
Quadrant Income	244.9	259.2	..	5.36
Quadrant Intl Fd	421.0	445.6	..	1.55
Quadrant Recovery	273.2	289.2	..	2.42
NM ROTHSCHILD ASSET MANAGEMENT St Swithins Lane, London EC4P 4DU 01-280 5456				
NC Income	87.7	93.2●	+0.4	4.03
NC Japan	194.7	207.1	+1.8	0.01
NC Major UK Co	51.3	54.5●	+0.3	2.31
NC Smaller Acs	65.7	69.8	+0.5	1.34
NC American Inc	286.4	304.6	-1.5	1.15
Do Accum	312.8	322.7	-6.5	1.15
NC Smaller Cos	142.9	152.0	..	1.33
NC Smlr Europ Co's	198.9	211.5●	-1.4	0.33
NC Exempt Gilt	£116.0	121.0●	..	9.44
ROWAN UNIT TRUST 33 King William Street, London EC4R 9AS 01-636 5678				
American (4)	228.5	232.5	..	1.92
Securities (2)	712.5	727.5	..	2.36
High Yield (5)	167.5	171.0●	..	7.18
Merlin (3)	430.0	438.0	..	1.35
Fixed Interest	155.5	157.5	..	2.59
High Interest	112.0	113.0c	..	13.54
Far East (2)	234.5	238.0	..	0.05
ROYAL LIFE FUND MANAGEMENT New Hall Place, Liverpool L69 3HS 051-227 4422				
Equity Trust	50.8	54.3●	+0.3	2.88
Intl Trust	79.9	84.5	+0.2	1.35
Gilt Trust	23.6	24.8●	-0.1	9.27
US Trust	35.4	37.4	..	1.79
Pacific Basin Tst	45.8	48.5	+0.5	0.48
20 Clifton St, London EC2 01-920 0311				
Equity Dist	114.1	120.9●	+0.2	1.64
Do Accum	161.1	170.5●	+0.3	1.64
High Income Trust	90.4	95.7c	+0.7	4.42
Do Accum	107.4	113.7c	+0.8	4.42
US Growth	59.0	62.5	-0.6	0.91
Do Accum	60.1	63.7	-0.7	0.91
ROYAL LONDON UNIT TRUST MANAGERS Royal London House, Colchester CO1 1RA 0206 576115				
American Growth	86.0	90.5	..	0.82
Gilt Income	51.7	54.5	-0.2	9.49
High Income	79.8	84.9●	+0.4	4.86
Income & Growth	97.8	104.1●	+0.4	4.30
Japan Growth	95.2	101.3	+0.3	0.03
Special Sits	112.5	120.0	+0.3	1.26
UK Growth Tst	43.4	46.2c	+0.3	2.20
SAVE & PROSPER 28, Western Rd, Romford RM1 3LB (Romford) 0708-66966				
Amer Inc & Growth	69.4	73.8●	..	5.87
Capital Units	107.7	114.5c	..	1.19
Commodity	57.7	61.3	..	0.75
European Growth	122.6	130.4●	..	0.57
Financial Secs	98.1	104.3●	..	1.95
High Return Units	185.8	197.4	..	5.01
High Yield Units	165.2	175.7	..	4.29
Income Units	94.4	100.4	..	5.87
Investment Trust	93.3	99.2	..	2.63
Japan Growth	102.3	108.8	..	0.00
Japan Smaller Cos	121.5	129.2	..	0.00
Masterfund	30.3	32.7c	..	2.78
Scotbits	133.1	141.5	..	2.42
Scotshares	148.0	157.4●	..	4.24
Scotyields	154.4	164.2	..	4.55
Select International	83.1	88.4	..	1.10
Smaller Co's Inc	161.7	172.0	..	4.38
Special Situations	97.2	103.4	..	1.72
UK Equity	179.2	190.5	..	2.92
US Growth	77.3	82.2	..	1.24
Universal Growth	93.4	99.2	..	1.12
SCHRODER UNIT TRUST Enterprise House, Portsmouth 0705 827733				
American Acc	139.4	148.2●	-1.4	0.76
Australia Acc	80.8	86.4	-0.7	1.15
European Inc	131.7	140.1	-0.4	0.90
Do Accum	136.0	144.6	-0.4	0.90
Gilt & Fixed Inc	51.3	54.1	..	9.08
Gold Fund Inc	42.2	44.8	+1.6	1.73
Do Accum	44.5	47.3	+1.8	1.73
Income	178.5	189.8●	+0.9	5.11
Intl Income	122.3	130.1●	-0.2	3.25
Do Accum	169.2	179.9●	-0.4	0.28
Jap Smlr Co's Ac	136.6	145.3	+1.0	0.00
Sing & Malay Acc	69.9	74.3●	+0.4	0.77
Smaller Co Inc Acc	136.8	145.5●	+0.5	1.16
Special Sits Inc	107.1	113.9	-0.4	0.95
Do Accum	111.8	118.9	-0.4	0.95
Tokyo Fund Inc	243.0	258.5	+2.5	0.00
Do Accum	245.5	261.1	+2.7	0.00
US Smaller Co's Ac	53.8	57.2●	+0.2	0.00
UK Equity Inc	103.5	110.1	+0.3	3.29
Do Accum	160.7	170.9	+0.4	3.29
Far East Gth Accum	64.0	68.0	+0.5	0.50
Extra Inc	62.1	66.0●	-0.1	7.51
SCIMITAR ASSET MANAGEMENT 33-36 Gracechurch St London EC3V 0AX 01-623 5776/8711				
UK Equity Inc	24.6	26.1	..	4.95
Do Acc	25.1	26.4	..	..
Euro Tst Inc	29.5	31.4●	-0.2	0.27
Do Acc	29.5	31.4●	-0.2	..
Global Gth Inc	29.5	31.3●	-0.1	0.70
Do Acc	29.6	31.4●	..	..
Managed Exempt	121.8	126.9	..	3.00
Pacific Basin	24.2	25.7	..	..
SCOTTISH EQUITABLE 28, St Andrews Sq, Edinburgh 031-556 9101				
Intl Income Units	155.2	165.1●	..	2.65
Do Accum	234.2	249.2●	..	2.65
SCOTTISH LIFE INVESTMENTS 19, St Andrews Sq, Edinburgh 031 225 2211				
UK Equity	179.9	191.4	+1.0	1.83
American	154.4	165.2	-0.1	1.25
Pacific	203.9	218.1	+0.7	0.05
European	268.0	284.5	-1.6	0.51
SCOTTISH MUTUAL INVESTMENT MANAGERS 109, Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5HN 041-248 6100				
UK Equity	165.9	177.6	..	3.02
Gilt & Fixed	107.4	114.3	..	9.15
UK Smlr Co's Eq	150.4	160.1	..	2.24
European	224.1	238.5	..	0.95
N American	121.5	129.4	..	1.50
Pacific	196.6	209.2	..	0.40
SCOTTISH UNIT TRUST 29, Charlotte Sq, Edinburgh 031-226 4372				
Pacific	70.8	75.2	..	0.00
World Growth	40.0	42.5●	..	0.74
N American	34.0	36.1	..	0.00
Income Fund	45.4	48.3●	..	4.94
European	48.9	52.0	..	0.77
N Amer Inc	28.1	29.9	..	1.78
UK Growth	30.8	32.7	..	2.06
Extra Inc	32.1	34.1●	..	5.76
SCOTTISH WIDOWS PO Box 902, Edinburgh EH16 5BU 031-655 6000				
Pen Eq Inc	229.8	244.6	+0.8	3.04
Do Accum	268.6	285.8	+1.0	3.04
SENTINEL FUNDS MANAGEMENT 30, City Rd, London EC1Y 2AY 01-638 6011				
Amer Tech & Gen	105.5	112.4	..	0.54
Pacific	213.2	227.0	+1.2	0.00
Sec Income Fnd	169.9	180.9	+0.3	4.54
Special Situations	218.8	233.0●	..	1.49
Intl Growth	43.7	46.5	..	0.16
American Majors	73.5	78.3●	..	1.26
Small Co's	41.9	44.6	..	1.87
Japan Tech & Gen	112.5	119.8	+0.6	0.00
International Income	57.6	61.3●	..	5.83
Exempt	582.9	609.5	..	2.25
UK General	34.4	36.6●	..	3.63
Euro Growth	42.3	45.0	-0.2	0.32
Euro Income	48.4	51.5●	..	4.00
STANDARD LIFE 3, George St, Edinburgh EH2 2XZ 031 225 2552				
Income Units	24.5	26.1	+0.1	2.69
Do Accum Units	27.5	29.3	+0.1	2.69
STEWART, IVORY UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 45, Charlotte Sq, Edinburgh 031-226 3271				
American Fund	228.5	243.4●	..	1.53
Do Accum	258.2	275.0●	..	1.53
Do Withdrawal	157.0	167.3●	..	1.53
Australian Fund	137.3	145.2	+1.2	0.85
Do Accum	139.6	148.6	+1.2	0.85
British Fund	589.5	627.9	-1.8	4.41
Do Accum	808.3	860.9	-2.5	4.41
European Fund	335.9	357.8	..	0.50
Do Accum	354.4	377.5	..	0.50
Japan Fund	65.9	70.2	+0.3	0.21
Do Accum	66.2	70.5	+0.3	0.21
Sants PPP	176.6	185.9	..	..
SUN ALLIANCE Sun Alliance Hse, Horsham, Sussex 0403 56293				
Equity Trust Acc	388.3	408.7	..	2.74
N Am Trust Acc	63.8	67.8	..	1.41
Far East Trust Acc	91.5	97.3	..	0.09
Worldwide Bond	53.3	56.6	..	6.53
European	56.3	59.9	..	1.92
Equity Inc. Tst	47.1	50.0	..	7.47
SUN LIFE OF CANADA 2,3,4, Cockspur Street, London SW1Y 5BH Dealing no:01-930 2602				
UK Income	24.9	26.4	..	4.71
Do Growth	23.7	25.2	..	3.02
TSB UNIT TRUSTS LTD Keens House, Andover, Hants, SP10 1PG 0264 56789 Dealings: 0264 63432/3/4				
American Inc	119.9	127.6	..	1.49
Do Accum	126.0	134.1	..	1.49
Extra Income Inc	116.4	123.9	..	5.37
Do Accum	139.6	148.6	..	5.37
General Unit Inc	156.9	167.0	..	2.95
Do Accum	258.5	275.0	..	2.95
Gilt & Fixed Inc	45.1	47.0●	..	9.52
Do Accum	80.7	83.3●	..	9.52
Income	215.6	229.4●	..	4.81
Accum	341.8	363.7●	..	4.81
Pacific Inc	185.2	197.1	..	0.51
Do Accum	191.2	203.5	..	0.51
Intl Inc	345.6	367.8●	..	1.05
Do Accum	429.8	457.2●	..	1.05
Selected Opps Inc	65.8	70.1	..	1.85
Do Accum	72.8	77.5	..	1.85
Natural Res	54.8	58.4●	..	1.63
Do Accum	56.8	60.5●	..	1.63
TARGET TRUST MANAGERS Target House, Gatehouse Rd, Aylesbury Bucks (0296) 394000				
Amer Eagle	75.5	80.1●	-0.6	0.09
Australian	22.3	23.6	+0.1	0.10
Commodity	84.9	90.1	+0.6	1.00
Energy	29.0	31.0	..	1.91
Equity	129.4	137.6c	+0.7	3.57
European Spec Sits	119.9	127.4	-0.4	0.54
Extra Income	116.8	124.1	+0.5	5.74
Financial	270.6	288.7	+0.7	1.82
Gilt Income	[illegible]	97.4●	-0.3	9.50
[illegible] Income	72.2	75.5●	+0.3	0.65
Gold Income	132.5	141.2●	+0.8	3.85
Do Accum	85.2	91.8●	+0.8	4.38
Income	124.7	111.2	-0.6	0.15
Japan	24.9	26.6	..	0.92
Malay & Singapore	111.9	119.0	+0.5	0.80
Pacific Inc	139.5	148.3	-1.9	0.86
Do Recovery	17.1	18.2●	..	9.92
Pref Share Fd	71.3	75.9	+0.2	1.34
UK Capital	65.4	71.6	+0.1	0.89
Special Sits	47.9	52.9	..	0.10
Technology	64.1	68.1	+0.2	4.16
World Income	149.8	159.2	+0.4	1.12
Worldwide Capital	89.5	94.0●	..	1.97
Equity Ex (3)	165.7	177.8●	..	1.97
THORNTON UNIT MANAGERS LTD Park House 16 Finsbury Circus London EC2M 7DJ 01-374 4595				
Far East & Gen	65.9	71.5	+0.3	0.70
Japan & Gen	53.5	57.2	+0.5	0.88
Nth Amer & Gen	50.3	53.7	-0.3	0.94
Oriental Inc				
Pacific Tech	54.2	58.0	+0.3	0.00
Tiger	73.4	78.5	+0.5	0.83
UK & Gen	41.3	44.1	+0.3	2.27
Oriental Acc	24.7	26.2	+0.2	2.87
3i UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 2, St Mary Axe, London EC3A 8BP 01 928-3356				
Smaller Co's	64.8	68.9	-0.5	0.09
TOUCHE REMNANT Mermaid House, 2, Puddle Dock, London EC4V 3AT 01-248 1250				
American Growth	42.0	44.7	-0.2	0.59
General Growth	50.9	54.4	+0.2	2.70
Global Tech	48.3	51.3●	..	0.10
Income Growth	61.2	65.1	+0.3	4.80
Income Monthly	46.8	50.1●	..	6.49
Japan Growth	48.6	52.0●	+0.3	0.12
Mkt Equity Inc	24.1	25.6	+0.1	2.28
Do Accum	24.1	25.6	+0.1	2.36
O'seas Growth	52.4	56.0●	..	0.79
Smaller Cos	63.9	68.3	+0.1	2.29
Special Opps	76.1	81.4	+0.2	1.91
TYNDALL MANAGERS LTD 401, St. John Street London EC1V 4DE 01-837 6494				
Australian	68.3	73.0●	-0.4	0.85
Capital	319.8	338.8●	+2.9	3.19
Europe Growth Acc	123.2	128.0	-0.5	0.80
Exempt	294.2	311.7●	+1.3	5.49
Far Eastern	194.8	208.3	+2.0	0.32
Fin & Prop	57.1	60.5	+0.4	3.07
Gilt Capital	111.9	115.4	-0.5	7.14
Gilt Income	95.7	98.5●	-0.3	10.92
High Yield	55.4	58.7●	+0.3	5.94
Income	240.0	254.2●	+1.4	4.81
Intl Earnings	161.2	170.8	+1.0	2.75
Intl Growth Inc	85.5	91.1	+0.2	0.77
Japan Growth Acc	757.0	801.9●	+4.7	4.81
Nat Resources Inc	203.7	219.9	+1.9	1.50
Nth Amer Gth Inc	119.1	127.4	-0.2	0.63
Preference Inc	112.3	119.0●	-0.1	10.81
Small Co's Div Inc	61.1	64.7	+0.7	5.74
Small Co's Inc	202.3	214.3	+0.8	1.78
Special Sits Inc	107.0	113.3●	+0.5	1.89
UK PROVIDENT UT MANAGERS UK House, Castle St, Salisbury SP1 3SH 0722 336242				
UK Equity	122.1	129.5	+0.7	..
Pacific Basin	168.5	178.8	+1.2	..
N Amer	129.4	137.2	+0.1	..
VANGUARD TRUST 65 Holborn Viaduct EC1A 2EU General Enquiries 01-236 3053 Dealing Line 01-236 2468				
Growth Inc	185.8	198.7	..	2.39
Do Accum	275.4	292.9	..	2.39
High Yield	206.9	220.1	..	4.97
Do Accum	211.5	225.0	..	4.97
Special Sits	41.1	43.7	..	2.54
Do Accum	41.4	44.0●	..	2.54
Trustee	137.1	145.8c	..	4.20
Do Accum	210.6	224.0	..	4.20
Amer & Gen	64.9	69.1	..	1.79
Do Accum	65.1	69.3	..	1.79
Master Portfolio	£63.27	64.59●	..	2.48
Do Accum	£63.81	65.45	..	2.49
Abing Rotn Asts (5)	124.8	132.8	..	2.28
Do Accum	125.6	133.7	..	2.25
Far East & Gen Inc	57.5	61.2	..	0.00
Do Accum	57.5	61.2	..	0.00
Euro Fund Inc	50.5	53.8	..	0.71
Do Acc	50.5	53.8	..	0.71
WARDLEY UNIT TRUST MANAGERS Wardley House, 7, Devonshire Sq, London EC2 01-929 1532				
American Trust	68.1	72.9	-0.3	1.60
Far East & Gen	120.6	127.7	+1.1	0.50
Intl Growth	78.9	83.5	+0.4	0.50
Income Trust	84.9	90.8●	+0.5	5.30
Japan Growth	136.4	145.9●	+2.1	0.10
Small Companies	112.8	118.8	+0.5	2.00
Technology	38.2	40.8●	+0.1	0.10
Australia	49.1	52.5	+0.1	1.40
UK Trust	138.0	144.0●	+1.1	2.50
European Growth	61.3	64.9	-0.2	0.29
Hong Kong	30.7	32.5	+0.4	1.60
WAVERLEY ASSET MANAGEMENT 13, Charlotte Sq., Edinburgh 031-225 1551				
Australian Gold	28.0	29.7	..	0.15
Pacific Basin	22.0	23.4●	..	0.20
Canadian Bal Gth	59.0	62.9●	..	0.00
Gemie Mae Fnd	$103.4	107.7●	..	5.80
WHITTINGDALE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 2 Honey La EC2 8BT 01-606 9085/6				
Shr Dtd Gilt Fund	68.6	69.7	..	0.00
US Govt Bond Fd	$51.8	52.0	-0.1	..
Challenger	48.5	50.0	-0.2	2.00
WINDSOR TRUST MANAGERS LTD Windsor House, 83, Kingsway, London WC2B 6SD 01-405 8331				
Conv & Equity	48.8	51.8●	-0.2	7.59
Income	56.8	60.5	+0.7	4.84
Growth	55.0	58.6	+0.1	2.11

The prices in this section refer to Monday's trading

● Ex dividend. c Cum dividend. k Cum stock split. s Ex stock split. m Cum all (any two or more of above). a Ex all (any two or more of above). Dealing or valuation days: (1) Monday. (2) Tuesday. (3) Wednesday. (4) Thursday. (5) Friday. (20) 25th of month. (21) 2nd Thursday of month. (22) 1st and 3rd Wednesday of month. (23) 20th of month. (24) 3rd Tuesday of month. (25) 1st and 3rd Thursday of month. (26) 4th Tuesday of month. (27) 1st Wednesday of month. (28) Last Thursday of month. (29) 3rd working day of month. (30) 16th of month. (31) 1st working day of month. (32) 20th of month. (33) 1st day of February, May, August, November. (34) Last working day of month. (35) 15th of month. (36) 14th of month. (37) 21st of month. (38) 3rd Wednesday of month. (39) 2nd Wednesday of month. (40) Valued monthly. (41) Last Thursday of Stock Exchange account. (42) Last day of month. (43) 2nd and 4th Wednesday of month. (44) Quarterly. (45) 6th of month. (46) 2nd Tuesday of month.

UNLISTED SECURITIES

1986 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
14½	8½	A & M Gp	12	13	+½	0.6e	4.8	17.9
65	46	ATA Selection	52	56	●+2	2.1	3.9	14.5
136	98	Abbeycrest	130	134	●..	3.6	2.7	16.8
64	33	Aberdeen Stk Hse	45	50	..	1.7e	3.5	13.4
143	45	Access Satellite				4.6	..	..
82	34	Acorn Comp	38	40	..	..	..	2.7
19	8½	Acsis Jewellery	16	18	..	..	..	9.1
22	14	Adam Leisure	14	16	..	..	..	1.9
195	90	Airspring	90	95	-2	7.7	8.3	..
276	121	Anglo Secure Hms	271	274	-3	2.3	0.8	32.7
121	58	Ardar	108	112	+2	..	..	..
165	8½	Applethree	148	153	+1	2.9	1.9	14.5
368	210	App Holographics	342	345	-1	..	..	..
320	185	Do Wnts	300	310	..	..	..	..
146	140	Ashtead	142	147	..	4.3	3.0	14.9
355	230	Aspen Comms	312	317	-1	4.4	1.4	32.8
169	102	Aspinall	105	108	..	8.6	8.0	5.7
620	27	Asprey	530	560	+10	14.3	2.6	15.6
40	27	Assoc Energy	31	33	+1	..	..	7.9
233	155	ASD	165	175	..	11.4	6.7	7.3
148	122	Atlas Equipment	145	150	+3	7.0	4.7	13.5
95	81	Automagic	87	92	..	8.6	9.6	15.8
70	64	BBB Design	64	67	..	1.4	2.1	15.6
44½	43	BCE	42½	44	-½	..	..	..
228	185	BPP	200	210	+3	7.1	3.5	16.7
85	70	BTS Grp	73	76	-1	5.7	7.6	8.9
120	58	Bedford (William)	108	113	..	6.4	5.8	10.3
28	15½	Bennett & Fountain	23½	24½	●	0.7	2.9	20.2
53	37	Bensons Crisps	43	48	..	..	..	12.9
17½	9	Berkeley & Hay	16¼	16¾	-¼	..	..	28.4
68	26	Berkeley Exp	61	64	..	..	..	8.8
123	122	Berry,Birch & Noble	120	123	..	6.0	4.9	14.2
156	141	Biston&Battersea	136	143	..	5.3	3.8	17.4
24	10	Bio Isolates	14	16	..	..	..	..
34	18	Biomechanics	27	29	-1	..	..	..
44	38½	Bird	38	39	..	1.8	4.7	9.8
133	98	Blanchards	108	112	●	6.4	5.8	12.0
148	138	Bluebern Exhib	145	150	..	3.0	2.0	22.8
292	165	Bluebird Toys	289	294	+1	5.0	1.7	22.8
160	133	Bortpool?	131	134	●	..	..	..
27	18	Brewmaker	19	21	..	1.1	5.5	10.6
185	70	Bollet?	77	82	●+4	6.0	7.5	6.5
230	1	Brent?	225	239	●+2	5.4	2.4	23.0
230	150	Br Bloodstock	185	195	+5	12.6	6.6	8.0
39	42	Br Island	35	38	+1	4.0	7.0	10.4
55	42	Broad St	45	47	+1	1.6	3.5	..
358	180	Brookmount	330	350	..	5.0	1.5	18.5
188	56	Brown (Charlie)	185	190	●+1	4.3	2.3	21.8
345	195	Bryant (Derek)	220	230	..	11.6b	5.2	8.0
3½	2	Bula Resources	2½	3¼	..	..	..	..
103	73	CCA Galleries	83½	88½	..	3.4	4.0	12.8
180	130	CML Micro	160	170	..	2.6	1.6	15.9
42	25	CPU Comp	33	34	+½	..	..	20.1
175	130	CVD	152	157	●	..	..	..
210	85	Caledonian Off	145	150	+5	..	..	..
69	62	Camotech	63	66	..	2.9	4.5	13.3
184	86	Cannon Street Inv	180	183	-1	3.6	2.0	27.0
141	74	Chancery Secs	128	131	●	3.1	2.4	15.7
205	83	Checkpoint Europe	145	155	-10	..	..	13.2
161	125	Chelsea Man	148	153	..	2.3	1.5	24.8
13	8½	Chem Methods	9	10½	..	3.0	30.0	..
268	156	Chesterm W	255	260	●-2	5.2	2.0	27.5
21½	8½	Clifer	17	18	-½	..	..	2.6
100	86	Citygrove	97	102	+2	3.6	3.8	15.2
38	35	Cityvision	41	44	..	..	..	..
800	475	Cityvision 7%	775	825	+25	..	..	..
115	87	Coraprint	83	88	..	1.8	2.1	9.9
173	148	Clarke Hooper	143	148	..	3.3	2.3	18.7
33	14	Clogau Gold	31	32½	-½	..	..	..
37	26	Cluff Oil Hldgs	33	36	..	..	..	..
120	87	Coated Electrodes	112	117	●	5.6	4.9	13.4
88	53	Cobra Emerald	59	65	..	..	..	..
143	21	Colme?	138	143	..	3.9	2.8	15.4
133	21	Colorgen Inc	22	28	-1	..	..	..
175	123	Comp Financial	157	162	●	3.3	2.1	29.4
53	30	Compsoft	42	47	..	..	..	7.5
150	84	Consultants	148	152	+2	1.8	1.2	28.2
58	36	Cons Tern Invs	38	42	..	7.1e	17.8	28.8
320	143	Cond Microwave	153	163	-2	3.2	2.0	18.5
115	93	Cowells	97	102	●	3.7	3.7	13.9
133	83	CPM	93	98	..	2.5	2.6	14.3
430	308	Cramphorn	385	415	●-3	8.8	2.2	18.6
75	46	Cranbrook	52	57	+2	0.7e	1.3	14.6
114	95	Crestwork	92	97	-1	6.4	6.7	8.2
113	75	Croton Lodge	100	105	+7	2.8	2.7	21.8
198	153	Creighton Labs	160	170	●	5.3	3.2	20.1
82	68	Crown TV Prods	69	72	-1	..	..	..
157	76	Crusts	137	140	●-7	1.5	1.1	15.4
73	43	DBE Tech	43	48	..	..	..	42.6
140	83	DJ Sec Alarms	95	100	+2	2.1	2.1	8.0
55	30	Datron	35	40	●-3	1.4	3.4	10.2
216	180	Davies (DY)	188	193	-2	4.9	2.6	21.3
84	55	Dean & Bowes	74	77	..	2.9	3.8	18.5
27	21	De Brett (Andre)	24	25	+½	0.4	1.6	12.3
168	131	Dector?	165	170	..	5.7	3.4	..
57	40	Delmar	47	49	..	2.9	6.0	9.5
138	108	Denmore?	115	120	+3	2.8	2.5	16.3
115	70	Denmans Elec	85	90	..	5.4	6.4	8.4
135	66	Dewey Warren	67	70	+1	10.7e	15.5	4.7
285	175	Dolene?	275	285	..	4.3	1.5	15.3
478	375	Druck	465	480	-5	6.3	1.3	22.6
33	18	Durton	22	23	+½	0.6	2.7	26.2
58	39	Eadie	44	47	..	2.5	5.4	14.2
148	104	Ealing Elect Optics	127	130	-1	3.1	2.4	22.4
37	11	Ecobric	18	20½	..	0.4e	2.0	14.9
325	238	Edin Fund	265	275	+4	9.3	3.4	16.1
41	22	Edin Oil & Gas	27	29	..	..	..	70.0
437	322	Eldridge Pope 'A'	425	430	+1	9.6	2.2	19.7
148	108	Electron House	125	130	●-2	4.9	3.8	16.6
100	72	Electronic Data P	96	100	+2	2.3	2.3	14.3
45	34	Ennex	38	40	-2	..	..	..
18	6	Entertainment Prod	10	12	+2	..	..	4.9
215	122	Equatal	198	208	..	7.1	..	..
115	103	Eve Construction	110	115	-2	6.4	5.7	12.8
406	138	FII	385	405	..	..	..	..
380	151	FKB Gp	240	245	..	3.8	1.5	26.0
161	138	F & H Group	135	140	..	..	..	..
90	51	Feedback	67	72	●	1.8	2.6	23.2
73½	17	Fergebrook	16½	18	+½	..	..	1.4
133	93	Fields (Mrs)	115	120	-3	..	..	..
73	51	Fletcher Dennys	52	57	+2	3.6	6.5	12.8
65	31	Flextech	45	48	-1	..	..	8.3
310	100	Flogas	302	305	..	25.6	84.2	..
60	30	Floyd Oil	36	40	-1	..	..	16.0
88	60	Ford & Weston	69	83	..	4.3	5.2	8.8
240	130	French Conn	173	183	●	7.5	4.2	11.6
136	65	Freshbake	110	112	-1	2.9	2.6	18.5
362	210	Fuller Smith 'A'	345	355	..	5.9	1.7	18.2
160	94	Gabbiccs	135	140	+5	4.3	3.1	16.2
150	78	Gee (Cecil)	81	84	-2	3.7	4.5	..
47	35	Gee/Rosen	44	47	+1	2.4	5.2	13.9
97	72	Gibbon Lyons	92	97	●	5.2	5.5	16.4
249	100	Gibbs Mew	210	220	-5	5.1	2.4	23.6
100	11	Gilbert House	73	78	-4	..	..	..
60	32	Global Gp	45	48	-1	3.9	8.3	7.4
186	87	Godwin Warren	85	88	+1	3.1	3.6	12.4
155	88	Goodhead Print	148	153	..	4.3	2.8	18.9
135	95	Gould (Laurence)	127	137	+2	5.3	4.0	10.6
91	58	Grasyrta Surface	65	70	●-2	3.0	4.4	11.9
167	155	Great Southern	158	162	+1	7.4	4.6	13.8
175	118	Green (Ernest)	170	175	-2	4.9	2.8	16.5
41	19	Greenwich Cable	36	39	+1	..	..	..
135	81½	Grosvenor Sq	127	137	+2	8.8	6.5	10.5
190	160	Guernsey Atlantic	185	195	..	3.5	1.8	55.9
109	60	Halls Homes & Gdns	163	166	-1	4.0	3.8	11.6
98	58	Hamden Homecare	80	85	..	2.1	2.5	13.3
29	26	Harmony Leisure	28	28	-1	0.1	0.4	21.8
320	133	Harvey & Thorop	295	305	..	8.6	2.9	19.8
266	195	Havelock Europa	258	262	..	5.7	2.2	24.3
47	26	Health Care	46	48	+1	1.1	2.3	18.7
482	383½	Hawtin?	455	465	-2	12.3	2.7	18.0
402	293½	Do 'A' LV	390	400	-7	12.3	3.1	15.5
150	143½	Henderson Prime	140	150	..	..	..	..
415	155	High-Point	150	160	-2	2.5	1.6	18.2
205	45	Highland Part	62	65	..	..	..	..
91	71	Hille Ergonom	75	75	●	2.0	2.7	11.7
42½	7	Hobson	40	41½	●-½	..	..	..
140	105	Hodgson	137	140	..	3.0	2.2	23.2
188	105	Holden Hydroman	180	185	●-2	4.6	2.4	24.1
158	110	Holmes Protection	111	114	●	..	..	..
35	22	Hughes Food	30½	31½	+½	0.7	2.3	22.3
14	8½	Hambrsd Elec?	5½	7	-½	0.4	6.2	8.5
189	175	Hunter Saphir	167	170	●+1	3.9	2.3	22.0
255	175	Huntleigh Tech	175	185	●+3	2.1	1.2	21.7
230	152	INSTEM	150	160	+3	3.8	2.3	13.3
31	11	Imtec	15	18	..	..	..	2.1
115	44	Ind Scot Energy	85	90	+3	..	..	10.6
103	68	InfraRed	70	75	+3	..	..	..
353	180	Intereurope Tech	255	270	●-15	8.3	3.2	13.2
210	204	Interlink Express	202	205	..	..	..	..
32	19½	Israel (Jack L)	19	20	-1	0.7	3.6	15.1
443	233	JS Pathology	427	437	+2	4.0	0.9	39.6
180	116	Jaques Vert	182	187	-3	7.9	4.8	14.6
28	2	Jabasco	6	8	..	..	..	0.2
148	103	Johnson & Jorg	115	120	●-3	6.0	5.1	13.4
120	73	Johnstones Paints	97	102	-2	6.1b	6.1	11.1
73	48	Just Rubber	68	72	●-1	2.6	3.7	11.8
330	253	KLP	255	263	●-1	4.7	1.8	14.6
92	67	Kent (John)	79	82	●+1	2.1	2.6	13.7
330	220	Kenyon Secs	317	327	+2	14.9	4.6	15.6
83	53	Kewill Systems	58	63	..	1.7	2.8	9.0
113	50	Kirk-Tekniik?	57	60	●+1	1.6	2.7	15.0
113	67	LPA Ind	85	90	..	3.9	4.4	8.7
78	57	Laidlaw	75	80	..	4.1	5.3	9.7
125	70	Laidlaw Thomson	105	110	●+2	5.6	5.2	13.0
61½	32	Leisure Inv	36½	38	●	5.1	8.9	19.4
118	91	Lewmar	103	107	●+3	3.6	3.4	13.1
280	7¼	Local Lon Gp	285	295	+10	5.0	1.7	32.8
123	79	Lodge Care	118	123	+8	2.9	2.4	25.2
140	95	Lon & Clydeside	112	117	●	8.0	7.0	10.4
198	133	Lodie Elect	163	168	●-1	3.6b	2.2	14.5
82	17	Lysander Pet	38	41	..	..	..	..
113	77	M6 Cash & Carry	107	112	..	5.1	4.6	..
327	180	MMT Comp	315	325	●+5	7.1	2.2	14.3
180	101	McLaughlin & Har	110	120	..	10.0	8.7	6.6
125	45	Magnetic Materials	70	72	-2	2.7	3.9	9.8
130	54	Marimet?	110	115	●-3	1.4	1.2	35.4
95	71	Marina Dev	80	85	+2	..	..	..
176	92	Martin (Ronald)	153	158	●+1	4.7	3.0	21.1
35	9	Maxipro?	14	17	..	..	..	..
116	101	Mayfair City	112	117	-1	4.3	3.7	24.4
306	195	Meadow Farm	292	297	..	5.4	1.8	25.8
220	14	Media Tech	107	112	●-3	4.0	3.6	8.4
96	75	Melbray?	77	80	●-2	4.4	5.6	18.5
22	9	Memory Comp	18	20	+1	23.2	..	3.1
75	8	Memoria Intl Hldgs?	12	17	+2	5.0	33.3	1.0
181	135	Mercer Swale?	168	172	-2	3.6	2.1	18.0
394	311	Merrydown Wine	380	395	●+8	7.8	2.0	23.9
138	95	Metal Bulletin	115	125	+2	6.3	5.3	16.9
95	59	Michael (John)	60	65	●	1.9	3.0	15.3
760	360	Microfilm	560	600	●+3	4.3	0.7	40.7
220	95	Microlease	140	145	..	5.7	4.0	11.7
47	22	Microvitec	41	42	+1½	1.8	4.3	18.2
440	231	Midsummer Inns	435	445	+5	3.6	0.8	32.7
165	92	Miller & Santhouse	160	165	-3	2.9	2.0	30.5
193	139	Millward Brown	157	162	●-1	3.2	2.0	34.9
280	130	Miss World	175	185	+5	7.9	4.4	9.5
236	98	Moorgate Gp	95	100	..	2.0	2.0	18.1
130	82	Moss & Crane	122	126	..	3.9	3.1	15.5
158	118	Monotype	129	132	-1	6.3	4.8	..
57	25	Morley (Rb)	50	53	..	2.5	4.8	14.4
23½	15	Morris (William)	15½	16½	+½	..	..	6.4
215	63	Moss Advertising	92	97	..	3.5	3.7	11.5
182	125	Mountain?	183	190	●-5	4.3	2.3	16.2
387	230	NMW Comp	225	235	●	8.6	3.7	12.8
21	6	New Ct Nat Res	12½	14	..	..	..	3.0
5½	0½	Do Wnts						
27	14	New England Props	21	24	..	..	..	11.1
90	70	Do 10%	70	80	●	0	13.3	..
75	68	Newage Trans	67	70	-1	5.0	7.2	7.8
21	8	Nimslo	7	9	..	..	..	..
150	91	Norank	127	130	+2	4.3	3.3	18.7
190	43	Norbain	42	47	..	1.0	2.2	4.9
181	79	Norseal Hotels	175	180	..	3.6	2.0	19.5
46	14	Nth Sea & Gen	21	24	..	..	..	4.6
91	68	Northumbrian Fine	86	89	..	2.4	2.7	22.6
75	35	Oldfield Inspec	27	32	..	2.9e	8.7	4.5
37	18	Optometrics	17	22	..	..	..	..
310	180	Osborne & Little	297	302	..	4.3	1.4	28.7
41¾	23	Owners Abroad	39	39½	+¼	2.1	5.4	11.1
143	85	PCT	105	115	..	4.6	4.2	12.5
255	180	Pacer Systems	165	175	-5	..	..	..
78	46	Pacific Sales	45	55	+4	4.3	8.6	12.0
251	128½	Panthenella?	125	130	●	5.3	4.1	11.7
718½	82	Parkfield Gp	100	107	-1	..	..	..
62	10	Paul M Lee	52	56	-1	..	..	22.8
53	17	Pavion	20	21	-½	..	..	3.7
170	80	Pope Group?	160	165	-2	4.7	2.9	15.7
148	93	Peltcom?	159	160	+1	3.3b	2.1	74.2
43	23	Perkins (J)	32	36	-1	1.7	5.0	8.3
113	101	Personal Computer	110	115	+2	4.3	3.8	11.5
200	128	Peters (Michael)	143	148	●-1	3.7	2.5	24.8
32	11	Petrogen	20	23	..	..	..	..
34	25½	Piccadilly Radio	30	32	..	2.9	9.4	10.6
116	24	Pict Pet	27	29	..	..	..	4.2
78	31	Pineapple	74	78	+2	..	..	..
72	35	Plasmec	68	69	..	1.0	1.5	8.4
201	115	Platon	180	185	..	4.5	2.5	13.3
112	98	Plaxi Hldgs?	111	113	+1	4.3	3.8	16.6
265	93	Polytech Manse?	200	210	..	..	..	..
156	75	Powerline	99	102	●	2.9	2.9	13.4
143	93	Prestagerial?	103	108	..	3.6	3.4	12.2
132	126	Quarto	124	128	-4	4.5	3.6	13.9
308	138	Quested	223	228	+3	6.3	2.8	15.2
103	90	Radamec	96	103	..	..	..	..
43	18	Radio City 'A'	37	40	+1	..	..	7.6
59	33	Radio Clyde	51	56	-2	4.6	8.5	17.5
123	85	Radius	103	108	-2	1.4	1.3	15.9
95	5	Ramco Oil	16	19	..	..	..	4.4
105	86	Ramps?	99	104	+4	7.7	7.5	8.8
63	22	Randsworth	53	58	●-3	0.4	0.7	82.4
78	40	Real Time Control	48	50	..	2.9	5.7	14.7
42	21	Reliant Motor	18	21	+2	..	..	17.1
130	70	Riviera?	110	115	..	0.1	0.1	..
32	20	Rockwood	28	30	-2	..	..	..
107	83	Rolfe & Nolan	98	103	..	2.9	2.9	43.5
101	83	Rotunda	97	102	+2	4.3	4.3	12.1
117	101	Ryman	115	118	+3	..	..	..
151	79	SAC	148	151	●	2.9	1.9	18.4
128	63	Sangers Photo	70	75	●+2	3.2	4.4	21.1
48	10	Sapphire Pet	17	20	..	..	..	2.5
135	104	Savage	125	128	..	4.3	3.4	18.2
178	85	Scarro	94	99	●-1	5.7	5.9	7.9
195	120	Scot Heritable	145	147	+1	4.8	3.2	12.7
135	71	Securiguard	132	137	..	3.8	2.9	25.0
26	7	SelecTV	15	16½	..	..	..	..
355	238½	Share Drug Strs	230	250	●	3.4	1.4	21.1
98	68½	Sheldon Jones	83	87	..	6.6	7.8	9.9
260	168	Sherwood Comp	230	240	..	4.6	2.0	28.3
158	145	Shirle?	180	180	+10	2.9	1.6	30.8
101	50	Sigmex	55	60	+2	0.8	1.4	20.4
173	110	Sims Catering	115	125	●	5.7	4.8	14.7
225	113½	Sinclair (William)	180	190	●	7.3	3.9	13.5
236	155	Smallbone	180	185	●+2	5.1	2.8	18.0
179	98	Snowdon Bridge	170	180	●	4.3b	2.4	21.0
42	33	Soundtracks	43	43	..	1.7	4.0	12.5
168	113	Stan Bus?	162	165	-1	4.3	2.6	9.5
31	11	SW Resources	29	23	..	..	..	5.6
108	85	Space Planning	102	107	..	2.8	2.5	20.0
70	48	Spectra Auto	62	72	●-1	3.7	5.3	11.0
38	20	Spectrum	24	25	..	..	..	2.6
98	30	Specr?	90	95	+2	4.0	4.3	14.1
71	35	Splash	60	62	..	4.7	7.8	9.8
230	85	Stainless Metal	197	202	+2	6.0	3.0	28.8
108	71	Sterling Pub	92	97	●+1	2.8b	3.0	21.4
38½	17½	Sunleigh Elect	28	30	●+1	0.2	0.7	59.2
98	50	Sutherland (ET)	60	65	-5	4.8	7.5	19.9
125	100	Swindon Pr Hosp	90	130	..	..	..	32.5
265	175	Synergy Comp	253	263	-2	3.1	1.2	21.5
250	150	T & S Stores	240	250	+10	4.8	1.9	28.2
280	110	TDS Circuits	117	122	-3	2.9e	2.4	5.2
134	111	TMD Advert	118	123	..	2.9	2.4	15.9
130	108	Task Force	108	112	..	2.6	2.3	16.2
238	150	Tay Homes	223	228	+6	7.5	3.3	10.5
99	75	Tech For Bus	77	87	-3	7.7	9.4	8.2
158	65	Tech Comp	205	215	-5	4.6	1.5	40.4
228	115	Telecomputing	180	175	+10	2.1	1.3	16.1
80	45	Tel Serv Int	72	74	●	3.1	4.2	23.5
145	74	Thermax	132	135	+1	7.1	5.3	14.8
272½	180	Thermo Scientific	223	228	●	3.8	1.7	20.4
233	83	Thorpac?	208	212	●	3.6	1.7	30.8
38	12	Tipples (Eliza)	42	45	..	4.1	8.3	8.5
185	113	Toll (W&J)	145	150	+2	4.7	3.2	10.7
98	33	Townsgate Sec	33	38	+3	1.5e	4.4	28.1
185	128	Trade Promotion	175	180	..	6.2	3.5	16.7
500	270	Transterwood	485	495	+2	7.6	1.6	23.4
173	60	Triton	80	84	..	1.8	2.0	17.4
280	140	Tyne Tees 'A'	247	250	-1	19.5	7.8	6.4
113	43	Utd Ceramic	105	120	●+13	5.4	4.8	16.0
355	480	Utd Friendly	550	560	..	26.0	4.7	..
213	93	Utd Packaging	108	113	..	4.6	4.1	8.4
538	330	Utd Tst Credit	505	515	●-5	20.0	3.9	..
98	81	Usher (Frank)	88	93	●+1	6.4	6.7	11.5
106	53	Wayne Kerr	68	78	●-2	2.3	3.3	7.7
110	75	Webber Electro	105	110	●	3.3	3.1	13.2
19½	14	Welpac	18½	19½	..	0.4	2.1	13.0
98	68	West Yorkshire	93	98	●	5.7	5.9	13.0
188	184	Whinney Mackay	165	180	+2	5.7	3.4	13.9
191	150	Wicles?	180	185	●+2	3.6	2.0	22.3
12½	4½	Williams Syst	10¼	11¼	..	..	..	50.0
27½	16	Willaxd (Rex) Hldgs	18½	19½	..	1.3	6.8	15.3
463½	93	Wingate	330	340	●	2.7	0.8	51.5
90	34	Wold	30	34	-2	1.1	3.2	30.4
83	83	Woolcoss Batter?	80	85				
264	151	Worcester	258	268	●	7.9	3.0	27.5
220	145	Wkt of Leather	145	150	+3	3.6	2.4	15.8
98	63	Wyko	64	66	..	3.7	5.7	9.9
158	118	Yellowhammer	140	145	..	2.3	1.6	20.9
38	29	Yelverton	32	38				
97	30	York Mount	57	62	●+2	2.4	4.0	27.8
69	39	Yorks Tst Gp	58	60	+2			
104½	75	Do 8%	100			8.00	8.0	..
61	16	Zygal Dynamics	45	50	..	0.7	1.5	6.6

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

1986 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
128	105½	Alva	127	129	..	3.6	2.8	25.0
858	730	Alliance	855	858	+2	31.8	3.7	41.8
152	124	Amer Trust	151	153	..	4.4	2.9	42.3
404	333	Ang Amer Sec	392	396	..	8.9	2.3	62.0
119	94	Atlantic Assets	112	113	-½	0.9	0.8	85.9
139	110	Bankers	135	136	..	3.9b	2.8	51.5
282	194	Berry	280	284	●+2	1.5	0.6	..
65¾	53½	Br Assets	64½	65½	●	2.9	4.5	28.7
53	33	Br Empire Sec	37	38	..	0.9	2.4	85.2
473	415	Br Inv	467	472	●+1	22.6	4.8	30.2
104½	90	Brunner	104	105	+½	3.3	3.2	48.6
855	755	Cont & Ind	780	820	..	31.4	3.9	34.7
250	178	Crescent Japan	230	233	..	0.5	0.2	..
157	135	Derby Inc	146	149	+1	12.8	8.6	17.7
154	126	Do Cap	152	156	..	..	..	..
371	318	Drayton Cons	368	370	●-2	15.4	4.2	34.2
205	151	Drayton Far East	202	205	..	1.6	0.8	..
772	562	Drayton Japan	663	668	+3	1.4e	0.2	..
217	195	Dundee Lon	215	218	+1	8.6	4.0	35.8
117	98	Edin Amer Asset	112	114	..	0.9	0.8	68.3
182	136	Edinburgh	158	159	-1½	5.3b	3.3	46.8
423	323	Electric Gen	418	423	..	6.4	1.5	70.5
168	146	English Int	164	168	●	5.5	3.3	49.4
105	85	English Scot	103	105	+1	2.0	1.9	63.0
80	60	Ensign	72	74	●	1.3	1.8	68.2
126	103	F & C Alliance	125	127	+4	2.6	2.1	68.3
228	142	F & C Pacific	225	229	●	2.1	0.9	80.0
13½	8½	First Charlotte	13	13½	+¼	0.1	0.8	..
348	287	First Scot Amer	336	339	+2	15.0	4.4	32.4
571	460	Fleming American	568	572	..	8.2	1.4	83.4
159	145	Fleming Claver	158	159	..	7.4	3.7	38.1
345	303	Fleming Enterprise	313	317	..	12.9	4.1	35.4
145½	84½	Fleming Far East	146	147	●+2½	1.4	1.0	..
140	109	Fleming Fledgling	137	140	+1	3.6	2.6	53.7
739	614	Fleming Japan	735	740	●+7	4.9	0.7	..
174	123	Fleming Mercantile	171	173	..	5.5	3.2	44.4
174	123	Fleming Overseas	172	174	-1	3.9	2.3	65.6
162	140	Fleming Tech	155	158	-1	3.3	2.1	..
152	107	Fleming Universal	149	152	+1	2.1b	1.4	73.7
106	68	For Col	105½	106	-¼	2.4b	2.3	71.5
109	88	GBC Capital	99	101	●	..	..	..
232	118	GT Japan	230	232	+2	2.0	0.9	..
210	138	General Funds	208	212	+1	2.9	1.4	..
330	275	General Cons	320	324	+2	17.9b	5.6	28.3
166	115	Glasgow Stock	162	165	+1	3.4	2.1	66.9
128	97	Globe	127	128	●	5.3	4.2	32.8
138	127	Govett Atlantic	135	136	●	4.3b	2.7	46.9
262	138	Govett Oriental	260	263	..	3.3	1.3	..
269	215	Govett Strategy	267	270	●+1	5.4	2.0	67.1
453	244	Greenfriar	440	447	..	2.4	0.5	..
325	215	Gresham House	300	328	●+10	8.4	2.7	33.3
215	158	Hambros	211	213	●-1	6.4	3.0	48.8
108	104	India Fund	105	110	..	..	..	..
859	540	Invest in Success	840	850	+5	8.2	1.0	..
284	244	Inv Cap	278	280	●-1	17.1b	6.1	26.1
185	132	Ivory & Sime	156	160	●	7.1	4.5	21.6
65½	45	Japan Assets	65	66	●+½	0.7	1.1	..
110	91	Klnwort Charter	109	111	+2	3.5	3.2	47.4
158	119	Kleinwort O'seas	157	159	+1	3.6	2.3	..
305	237	Kleinwort Smaller	299	305	..	12.0	4.0	..
262	188	Law Debenture	258	261	..	9.0	3.5	31.5
72	56	Lon Merchant Sec	65	67	..	3.6	5.5	13.4
71	55	Lon Trust	56	58	..	1.1e	1.9	62.8
131	102	Merchants	130	132	+2	6.4b	4.9	34.6
30½	21⅝	Merrill Lynch	27⅝					
240	181	Monks	238	241	+1	3.7b	1.5	90.6
167	128	Murray Income	164	167	●	8.6b	5.2	30.8
182	137	Murray Intl	180	183	..	7.1b	3.9	35.7
385	215	Murray Small	380	385	●-2	4.0	1.0	..
485	158	Murray Venture	220	223	s+3	7.1b	3.1	51.7
485	414	New Court	483	488	●+1	22.5	4.6	27.4
287	48	New Darien Oil	85	87	-1½	0.9e	1.4	73.1
243	158	928	240	245	..	3.7	2.3	47.3
65	50½	Nrthrng Inc 83	62½	64	●	4.8b	7.6	17.9
271	185	New Tokyo	253	255	+1	1.1e	0.4	..
384	278	Nth Atlantic Sec	382	385	●+1	4.9	1.3	..
81	28	Nth Sea Assets	25	27	..	..	..	7.7
415	279	Nthn Amer	413	416	●+2	7.7	1.9	..
223	145	Outwich	218	223	●	6.4	2.9	56.8
114	68	Pacific Assets	112	113	-1½	1.0	0.9	..
50	35	Do Wnts	48	51	+2	..	..	..
42	35	Personal Assets	40	41½	..	0.5	1.2	..
445	338	Raeburn	442	447	+5	17.1	3.8	45.1
194	147	River & Merc	192	195	+1	8.6b	4.4	35.7
288	218	River Plate	288	290	+2	12.4	4.3	33.4
297	207	Robeco	285					
264	181	Rolinco	262		-1			
383	287	Romney	380½	385½	+5	7.1	1.9	56.7
15⅝	11½	Rorento	15¼					
159	116	St Andrews	155	159	-2	4.6b	2.9	53.4
414	297	Scottish	412	413	-½	9.4	2.3	62.0
95½	78	Scot American	95	98	●+½	2.5b	3.0	38.1
129½	89	Scot Eastern	128	130	+½	2.9	2.2	67.8
100	78	Scot Merc 'A'	95	98	+1	..	..	..
574	402	Scot Mtge	572	575	+3	12.6	2.2	61.9
328	245	Scot Nat	325	328	●-1	7.5	2.3	54.9
752	570	Second Alliance	750	753	+2	26.4	3.5	37.1
95	68	Secs Tst of Scotld	94½	95½	..	4.3b	4.5	34.9
85	67	Smaller Cos	83½	85	-½	2.0	2.4	59.1
117	81	TR Australia	111	113	●	3.3	2.9	33.4
122	55	TR City Of Lon Dfd	61	62	..	3.1b	5.0	28.9
221	77½	TR Ind & Gen	111	112½	s+½	2.9b	2.6	48.5
149	100½	TR Natural Res	137	140	●-1	5.9	4.2	29.8
103	89	TR North America	101	103	●	2.6b	2.5	51.8
197½	118	TR Pacific Basin	197	198	+2½	1.4	0.7	..
204	46½	TR Property	71	73	●+1	1.9	2.6	48.0
118	99	TR Tech	117	119	●	2.6	2.2	55.7
185	139	TR Trustees	183	186	+3	6.0	3.2	41.1
189	135	Temple Bar	163	165	..	8.1b	4.9	28.7
311	237	Throgmorton	309	312	+2	11.9b	3.8	37.2
390	270	Throg Secured Cap	280	280	..	..	..	..
226	157½	Trans Oceanic	222	225	..	6.1	2.7	58.1
157	112	Tribune	155	158	+1	4.0	2.5	45.0
95	79	Tripleinvst Inc	84½	86	●+½	17.1	20.0	7.7
328	217	US Debenture	325	330	+2	9.3	2.8	65.7
51	35	Value Inc Tst	39	41	●	1.8b	4.5	..
62	53	Viking Resources	40½	41½	●	2.9	7.1	20.2
74	53	Westpool	62	64	●	2.3	3.7	31.0
115½	80½	Witan	114½	116	+½	2.6b	2.3	55.6

FINANCIAL TRUSTS

1986 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
47	34⅝	American Express	42⅝		-⅛	..	..	..
85	42	Argyle	80	83	+1	1.4	1.7	43.9
38	21	Boustead	25	28	..	..	..	73.0
154	130	Britannia Arrow	142	143	●+½	6.0	4.2	16.7
34	19½	Daily Mail	23	24	..	70.0	3.0	16.6
20⅛	15⅝	Do 'A'	20	20½	+¼	70.0	3.5	14.3
158½	137	Electra	158	158	●	5.9	3.8	38.3
179	95	Eng Trust	177	180	..	4.3	2.4	19.6
278	187	Exco	265	267	..	7.1	2.7	27.7
113	86	Exploration	110	115	●	3.3	2.9	14.8
773	375	Framlington	760	775	..	12.9	1.7	20.1
118	81	Frost Gp	110	115	●+3	7.1	6.3	12.2
223	183	GT Management	195	200	●	4.3	2.2	14.9
7⅞	75	Goode (D & M)	191½	196½	-1	2.5	1.3	54.3
10¼	490	Henderson Admin	5⅝			22.1	2.2	19.6
218	153	ICH	200	203	●+1	12.8	6.4	8.9
448	320	MAI	433	437	-1	25.0	5.7	9.2
365	190	M & G	270	275	..	6.1	2.2	33.2
338	252	Mercantile House	328	332	-1	20.0	6.1	6.3
138	88	Pacific Inv Tst	138	138	..	0.5	0.4	..
44	19	Do Warrants	43	44½	+1½	..	..	..
206	152	Smith New Court	155	158	●+1	10.0	6.4	7.7

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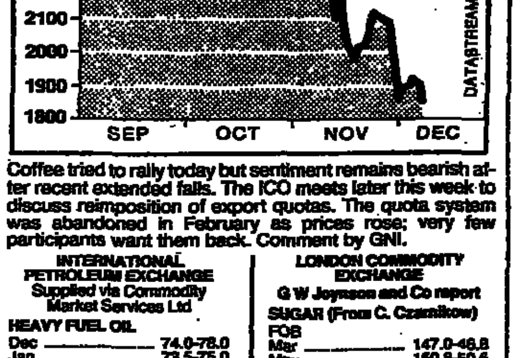

Coffee tried to rally today but sentiment remains bearish after recent extended falls. The ICO meets later this week to discuss reimposition of export quotas. The quota system was abandoned in February as prices rose; very few participants want them back. Comment by GNI.

INTERNATIONAL PETROLEUM EXCHANGE
Supplied via Commodity Market Services Ltd

HEAVY FUEL OIL

Dec	74.0-78.0
Jan	73.5-75.0
Feb	73.0-77.5
Mar	73.0-75.5
Apr	73.0-78.0
Vol:	40

GAS OIL

Dec	116.75-18.50
Jan	123.25-23.00
Feb	126.25-26.00
Mar	125.25-25.00
Apr	122.75-22.00
May	120.50-19.00
Jun	118.00 byr.
Jul	118.00 byr.
Aug	120.00 byr.
Vol:	5372

LONDON COMMODITY EXCHANGE
G W Joynson and Co report

SUGAR (From C. Czarnikow)

FOB	
Mar	147.0-46.8
May	150.8-50.6
Aug	154.0-53.0
Oct	157.8-57.0
Dec	163.0-61.0
Mar	168.0-65.0
Vol:	4096

COCOA

Dec	1390-87
Mar	1433-32
May	1461-60
Jul	1484-88
Sep	1506-05
Dec	1535-34
Mar	1561-59
Vol:	3062

COFFEE

Jan	1980-975
Mar	1840-838
May	1840-836
Jul	1860-855
Sep	1885-875
Nov	1930-885
Jan	1930-885
Vol:	3606

SOYABEAN

Dec	132.0-28.0
Feb	131.0-30.5
Apr	131.2-30.5
Jun	128.5-27.8
Aug	127.5-26.8
Oct	128.5-28.0
Dec	131.0-29.0
Vol:	3

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE
Unofficial prices
Official Turnover figures
Price in £ per metric tonne
Silver in pence per troy ounce
Rudolf Wolf & Co. Ltd. report

COPPER GRADE A

Cash	931.00-932.00
Three Months	951.00-951.50
Vol	3775
Tone	Easier

STANDARD CATHODES

Cash	902.00-904.00
Three Months	928.00-930.00
Vol	Nil
Tone	Idle

LEAD

Cash	356.00-358.00
Three Months	323.50-324.00
Vol	1000
Tone	Steady

ZINC HIGH GRADE

Cash	541.00-542.00
Three Months	535.50-536.00
Vol	2550
Tone	Barely Steady

SILVER LARGE

Cash	374.00-375.00
Three Months	384.50-385.00
Vol	Nil
Tone	Idle

SILVER SMALL

Cash	374.00-375.00
Three Months	384.50-385.00
Vol	Nil
Tone	Idle

ALUMINIUM

Cash	796.50-797.50
Three Months	806.50-807.50
Vol	5950
Tone	Steady But Quiet

NICKEL

Cash	2534-2540
Three Months	2582-2585
Vol	72
Tone	Steady But Quiet

MEAT AND LIVESTOCK COMMISSION
Average fatstock prices at representative markets on December 9

GB: Cattle, 97.19p per kg lw (+3.90)
GB: Sheep 216.72p per kg est dcw (+20.33)
GB: Pigs, 76.25p per kg lw (+1.55)
*est. dead carcase weight

England and Wales:
Cattle nos. down 6.6 %, ave. price, 97.58p(+5.47)
Sheep nos. up 5.2 %, ave. price, 219.60p(+22.71)
Pig nos. up 28.0 %, ave. price, 75.85p(+1.68)

Scotland:
Cattle nos. up 27.7 %, ave. price, 96.47p(+0.21)
Sheep nos. up 13.9 %, ave. price, 207.64p(+12.96)
Pig nos. down 11.4 %, ave. price, 78.98p(+1.55)

LONDON MEAT FUTURES
Live Pig Contract p. per kilo

Month	Open	Close
Feb	95.70	95.30
Apr	unq.	95.50
Jun	unq.	98.10
Aug	unq.	96.00
		Vol: 0

Pig Meat vol: 0

Live Cattle Contract
p. per kilo

Month	Open	Close
Feb	96.00	96.00
Apr	100.50	100.50
Jun	101.50	101.50
		Vol: 0

LONDON GRAIN FUTURES
£ per tonne

Month	Wheat Close	Barley Close
Jan	110.00	111.55
Mar	113.20	113.90
May	115.40	114.90
Jul	117.15	unq.
Sep	101.45	100.65
Nov	103.65	103.45
Vol: Wheat		616
Barley		100

LONDON POTATO FUTURES
£ per tonne

Month	Open	Close
Feb	109.80	110.80
Apr	160.00	160.00
May	179.00	178.50
Nov	87.50	86.50
		Vol: 563

BIFFEX
G.N.I. Freight Futures Ltd Dry Cargo Report ($10 per point)

	High/Low	Close
Jan 87	680.0-680.0	680.0
Apr 87	706.0-706.0	706.0
Jul 87	616.0-608.0	615.0
Oct 87		713.5

Vol: 96 lots Open interest: 1812
Spot market commentary:
Dry cargo index:
709.0 down 1.0 on 8/12/86

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1	Portals	Industrials S-Z	
2	BTR	Industrials A-D	
3	Supra	Motors,Aircraft	
4	Allied Irish	Banks,Discount	
5	Transport Dev	Industrials S-Z	
6	Magnet & South	Building,Roads	
7	Christies Int	Industrials A-D	
8	Cable & Wireless	Electricals	
9	Banks (Sidney C)	Foods	
10	Mitchell Somers	Industrials L-R	
11	Nichols (JN) (Vimto)	Foods	
12	Coats Viyella	Drapery,Stores	
13	Heywood Williams	Building,Roads	
14	Sutcliffe Speakman	Chemicals,Plas	
15	Hopkinsons	Industrials E-K	
16	Royl Bank of Scot	Banks,Discount	
17	Auto Sec	Electricals	
18	TI	Industrials S-Z	
19	Vinten	Industrials S-Z	
20	Fogarty	Industrials E-K	
21	Argyll	Foods	
22	Bass	Breweries	
23	Billam (J)	Industrials A-D	
24	APV	Industrials A-D	
25	BTP	Chemicals,Plas	
26	Sketchley	Industrials S-Z	
27	CAP Gp	Electricals	
28	Cook (Wm)	Industrials A-D	
29	Tex Hldgs	Industrials S-Z	
30	Flexello C&W	Industrials E-K	
31	Beecham	Industrials A-D	
32	Whessoe	Industrials S-Z	
33	Simon Eng	Industrials S-Z	
34	Alexandra W'wear	Industrials A-D	
35	Kode	Electricals	
36	Maclellan (P&W)	Industrials L-R	
37	Micro BS	Electricals	
38	Memec	Electricals	
39	Jackons Bourne	Industrials E-K	
40	Waterford Glass	Industrials S-Z	
41	Com Union	Insurance	
42	Herrburger Brooks	Leisure	
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401	361	BAT	485	488	+6	18.4	3.8	12.2
180	108	Carroll	138	143	..	..	..	..
180	188	Carroll	138	143	..	..	..	..
178	127	Rothmans 'B'	173	175	-1	10.0	5.7	8.1

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APPOINTMENTS

New chief at IPC Magazines

IPC Magazines: **Mr Peter Davis** becomes chairman, succeeding **Mr Ron Chilton**, and also becomes chairman of the Consumer Publishing Group, succeeding *Mr D Wilkins*. **Mr John Mellon** becomes chief executive from January 1. **Mr John Matthews** will become managing director of IPC Sales & Distribution and will join the board of IPC Magazines from January 1. **Mr Andrew Walker** will join the board from January 1.

Taylor Woodrow Homes: **Mr Richard Mooney** will become chairman from January 1, succeeding Lady Taylor.

Barclays de Zoete Wedd: **Mr Peter Holloway** is now director, UK equity market-making.

Frank Usher Holdings: **Mr Derek Croucher** and **Mr Len Wright** have been appointed to the board.

Richard Mooney

Burson-Marsteller: **Mr Michael Horton** has become president and chief executive officer, Europe. **Mr Terence Fane-Saunders** will become chairman and chief executive officer UK from January 1.

Charles Barker Human Resources: **Mr Simon Barrow** is to become chief executive early in 1987, succeeding **Mr Roddy Braithwaite**.

Scandinavian Bank Group: *Mr Andre de Pfyffer is* a non-executive director.

Kings College London: **Sir James Spooner** has been appointed chairman of the council, succeeding **Earl Jellicoe**.

National Westminster Bank: **Mr Don Anderson** has become regional executive director, outer London region, succeeding **Mr Andrew Hirst**.

Prontaprint: **Mr Brian Donnelly** becomes operations director and **Mr John Easterby** director, business development.

Investor Relations Society: **Mr Peter Smith** has been elected chairman, succeeding **Mr Eric Silvester**.

TEMPUS

Fatter Granada leopard stalks corporate jungle

It is fortunate that Granada is better at running its business than it is at producing television advertisements. The "leopard which changed its spots" campaign, featuring its move into TV and video retailing from straight rentals, runs "Tell Sid" a close second in the nausea-inducing stakes.

Nonetheless, the leopard image is well suited to a company that has been jolted from slumber by an unwelcome predator in the shape of Rank and is now moving swiftly through the corporate jungle with an eye out for its own prey.

The management, having enhanced its high street presence by paying £30 million in October for the Laskys electrical goods chain, is now looking for other purchases, large or small, either in retailing again, in the leisure and consumer group, or the small but fast-growing business services division.

The balance sheet certainly presents strong potential — gearing was maintained at about 26 per cent, despite net borrowings rising by almost 50 per cent to £99.1 million, by a £100 million property revaluation, and the deconsolidation of customer-credit operations.

Prospects are looking solid throughout the group, although nobody is expecting the 41 per cent rise in pretax profits to be repeated in 1987.

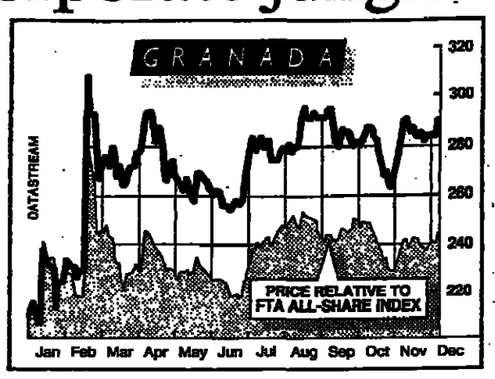
The leap into retailing looks justified by the continued fall in rented sets, while television advertising revenue remains strong, although last year's 20 per cent growth will not be matched. Consumer money spinners such as bingo and motorway services are being backed up by imaginative acquisitions and new projects.

Pretax estimates for 1987 are for about £106 million, which puts the shares, down 3p at 287p, on a p/e ratio of about 11. A very solid hold and a strong buy on any weakness.

Meyer Int

The timber industry has changed beyond recognition. Gone are the days of feast and famine which terrified all but the more daring investor.

Meyer International is a microcosm of the industry. It has reduced its dependence on importing-wholesaling and has diversified into other areas, notably manufacturing and builders' merchanting.



Although importing-wholesaling still accounts for more than 50 per cent of the business, it is no longer the traditional risk-reward operation that it was. With the rest of the industry, an improved approach to stock management has made stock losses and profits less of a feature.

The Jewson builders' merchanting chain accounts for more than a quarter of Meyer's business. Newly added Brownlee broadens the geographical spread and brings further rationalization opportunities.

Although three-quarters of the way towards a target of 200 merchanting outlets, Meyer is finding it difficult to make sizeable acquisitions without incurring overlaps. Small strategic purchases will take priority.

First-half results reflected a buoyant trading period for the industry and the outlook for 1987 is bright.

The Building Material Producers' panel recently forecast a 3.5 per cent increase in total construction output for 1987. This includes a 2 per cent rise in new housing and 5 per cent on housing repair, maintenance and improvement work, both important areas for Meyer.

Worries about management sucession have been mostly allayed and Magnet and Southerns says that it is not planning to increase its 1 per cent stake.

For the current year, Meyer should make £40 million with a further increase of 10 per cent in 1987-88. The shares are selling on a p/e ratio of 10.5 times.

Norcros

Norcros's businesses have failed to grow despite a good year for the building industry. Double glazing is no longer a growth market and sales of ceramic tiles are suffering from dumping.

Consequently, the City was unimpressed by Norcros's interim pretax profit of £20 million, announced yesterday. An 8.6 per cent increase is nothing to write home about and the shares fell 3p to 255p.

Most disappointing was the unchanged profit from the building products and services division. This accounts for more than 40 per cent of total profits. Seventy per cent of Norcros's profits is construction related, if international sales and UBM, the recently acquired builders' merchants, are included.

UBM's profits growth had as much to do with the distortion in the comparative half year — when Norcros had owned UBM for only five months — and the reduction of pilfering in its London branches, as with sustainable profits growth.

Printing and packaging, which accounts for 25 per cent of pretax profit, is the star in Norcros's firmament. Its profits increased 29 per cent.

Yet most of the group's huge capital expenditure budget — more than £20 million — will be focused on building and engineering, refurbishing UBM and re-equipping in ceramics.

Disillusioned analysts have chopped their earnings forecasts again to just £47 million for the full year.

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Law Report December 10 1986

Admissibility of photofit pictures

Regina v Cook

Before Lord Justice Watkins, Mr Justice Drake and Mr Justice Ognall

[Judgment December 9]

A photofit picture of an alleged attacker made by a police officer from a description by a witness was admissible in evidence during examination-in-chief of the witness.

A sketch similarly made, a photograph of a suspect during the commission of an offence and a photofit were in a class of evidence of their own, to which neither the rule against hearsay nor the rule against admission of an earlier consistent statement applied.

The Court of Appeal so held in a reserved judgment dismissing an appeal by Christopher Cook, aged 20, of Bredon Court, Edgware, Middlesex, from conviction at Acton Crown Court (Judge Palmer) of robbery and indecent assault, for each of which he was sentenced to three years' youth custody concurrent.

Mr R.D. Roebuck, who did not appear below, for the appellant; Miss Sally O'Neill for the Crown.

LORD JUSTICE WATKINS, giving the judgment of the court, said that on October 17, 1984 a woman was making her way home from work at about 6pm in Edgware when a man attacked her, indecently assaulted her and took money from her.

The following day she reported the matter to the police and described her assailant. From her description on October 19 a photofit picture was pieced together and photographed by a police officer.

After an unsuccessful attempt had been made to hold an identification parade, the woman was unable to identify any of several men bunched together when she stood at the top of an escalator at Brent Cross shopping centre. However, she identified the appellant in the street walking away from the shopping centre.

At trial, in the jury's absence, counsel for the defence submitted that the photofit was inadmissible in evidence because to put it before the jury would be to introduce a previous consistent statement and, further, a basic principle of the hearsay rule would be offended against.

The trial judge ruled against the submission.

Broadly similar submissions were made on appeal.

In *R v Smith (Percy)* ([1976] Crim LR 533) a police officer had made a sketch in accordance with a description of the defendant provided by a young girl. An appeal against conviction was dismissed — as appeared from a transcript of the judgment — on the ground that the sketch was the girl's made through the hand of the police officer and there was no reason for saying that it was not admissible in evidence.

However, in that case no submission had been made to the effect that the sketch was a self-serving previously made consistent statement. If such a submission had been made the ruling might have been different.

The present case was undoubtedly important and the issue arising for decision was not argued in *Smith*, which had been criticized by some well known academics.

Common sense leant heavily in the direction of endorsing the opinion expressed in *Smith*. Photofits had been admitted in evidence without objection in a number of cases but that did not mean that they were strictly speaking admissible.

It was beyond dispute that the woman when in the witness box could have been permitted to see the photofit, which she had observed being composed, for the purpose of refreshing her memory.

Using a photofit for the purpose of refreshing memory could not of itself have the effect of rendering the photofit admissible so as to enable the jury to see it. If either the hearsay rule or the rule against the admission of a previous consistent statement was applicable to the situation — the evidence of photofit being, as had to be acknowledged, no exception to those rules — there would be no reason why the submission made on the appellant's behalf should not succeed.

Their Lordships questioned whether either of those rules applied to evidence of a photofit.

Clearly, what was said to a police officer by a prospective witness in the absence of a defendant was hearsay and could not, therefore, be admissible in evidence. But admissibility of a photofit was not dependent on a recital by a witness when giving evidence of what that person said to the police officer composing it. So that aspect of hearsay did not need further to be considered.

The rule was said to apply not only to assertions made orally but to those made in writing or by conduct. Never, so far as their Lordships knew, had it ever been held to apply to this comparatively modern form of evidence, namely, the sketch made by the police officer to accord with the witness's recollection of a suspect's physical characteristics and mode of dress and the even more modern photofit compiled from an identical source.

Both were manifestations of the seeing eye, translations of vision on to paper through the medium of a police officer's skill of drawing or composing which a witness did not possess. The police officer was merely doing what the witness could do if possessing the requisite skill.

When drawing or composing he was akin to a camera without, of course, being able to match in clarity the photograph of a person or scene which a camera automatically produced.

There was no doubt that a photograph taken, for example, of a suspect during the commission of an offence was admissible: see *R v Tolson* ((1864) F & F 103, 104) per Mr Justice Willis, who said: "The photograph was admissible because it is only a visible representation of the image or impression made upon the minds of the witnesses by the sight of the person or object it represents; and, therefore is, in reality, only another species of the evidence which persons give of identity, when they speak merely from memory."

That ruling had never since been doubted and was applied with regularity to photographs including those taken nowadays automatically in banks during a robbery. Such photographs were invaluable aids to identification of criminals. It had never been suggested of them that they were subject to the rule against hearsay.

Their Lordships regarded the production of the sketch or photofit by a police officer making a graphic representation of a witness's memory as another form of the camera at work, albeit imperfectly and not produced contemporaneously with the material incident but soon or fairly soon afterwards.

As their Lordships perceived it, the photofit was not a statement in writing made in the absence of a defendant or anything resembling it in the sense that the very old rule against hearsay had ever been expressed to embrace.

It was *sui generis*, that is, the only one of its kind. It was a thing apart, the admissibility to evidence of which would not be in breach of the hearsay rule.

Seeing that their Lordships did not regard the photofit as a statement at all, it could not come within the description of an earlier consistent statement which, save in exceptional circumstances, could not ever be admissible in evidence.

The true position was that the photograph, the sketch and the photofit were in a class of evidence of their own to which neither the rule against hearsay nor the rule against the admission of an earlier consistent statement applied.

The trial judge was correct and the appeal was dismissed. An appeal against sentence was also dismissed.

Solicitors: S. B. Gilinsky & Co, Edgware; Crown Prosecution Service, Acton.

Creditors' interest prior to wife's

Winkworth v Edward Baron Development Co Ltd and Others

Before Lord Keith of Kinkel, Lord Templeman, Lord Griffiths, Lord Mackay of Clashfern and Lord Ackner

[Speeches December 4]

The payment of money by a wife in occupation of the matrimonial home to a company under the control of herself and her former husband which had purchased that home did not give her an overriding equitable interest in it within section 70(1)(g) of the Land Registration Act 1925.

The House of Lords so held in allowing an appeal by the mortgagee, Mr Peter Winkworth, from the order of the Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Neill and Lord Justice Nourse; Lord Justice Kerr dissenting) (*The Times* December 23, 1985; (1986) 52 P & C R 67) allowing an appeal by Mrs Joy Wing from the judgment of Mr Gerald Godfrey, QC, sitting as a deputy High Court judge, who ordered that she give up possession.

Mr Andrew Morritt, QC and Mr David Parry for the appellant; Mr Alan Ward, QC and Mr Peter Ralls for the respondents.

LORD TEMPLEMAN said that the issued share capital of the company consisted of two shares. In 1980 £200,000 had been paid into the company's bank account as proceeds of sale, incurring a potential liability to corporation tax of over £100,000.

One of the shares in the company was tranferred to Mr Wing, the other to Mrs Wing. The purchase price of £115,000 was extracted from the company's bank account. The company then purchased 75 Hayes Lane, Beckenham, Kent for £70,000, leaving a bank balance of £271. Mr and Mrs Wing went into occupation.

Mrs Wing, the company secretary, knew nothing about business and left the management of the company's affairs in the hands of her husband.

After taking control of the company and paying the purchase price for the shares out of the company's bank account, Mr Wing drew further cheques on the company's account to finance the purchase of a washing machine for Hayes Lane, a motor car and jewelry for his wife, and other items of expenditure appropriate to an establishment in Beckenham.

On selling their former matrimonial home, Mrs Wing authorized the payment of the £8,600 proceeds of sale into the company's bank account, thus reducing its overdraft to £8,000. She did not say in evidence whether she knew the account was overdrawn. She did not know of an undertaking by Mr Wing to the bank which secured the overdraft on the title deeds of Hayes Lane.

In 1981, Mr Winkworth advanced £70,000 to the company. The signature of Mrs Wing on the legal charge and letters acknowledging, *inter alia*, that they occupied Hayes Lane as bare licensees of the company and not by virtue of any tenancy or lease, had been forged by Mr Wing.

The company, having been stripped, declined into insolvency, and went into liquidation, probably belatedly, in 1983.

It had been contended on behalf of Mrs Wing that the payment of £8,600 into the company's bank account obtained for her an equitable interest in the proportion that £8,600 bore to £70,000, and that her equitable interest took priority over the claims of the company's creditors, secured and unsecured.

That bold and astonishing proposition would enable her to continue in occupation of Hayes Lane, without any contribution to its expenses, until a court, on the application of the company under section 30 of the Law of Property Act 1925, thought fit to order Hayes Lane to be sold for the benefit of the company and Mrs Wing as tenants in common in equity.

Mr Wing had not had the effrontery to raise on his behalf a *similar contention. No doubt he* was pleased to have maintained a matrimonial home for over six years without cost to himself and at the expense largely of the Inland Revenue.

Responsibility for the last three years and for the six-figure litigation costs borne by the legal aid fund, was shared by the decision of the House of Lords in *Williams & Glyns Bank Ltd v Boland* ([1981] C AC 487).

The argument on behalf of Mrs Wing exploited the equitable doctrine that a legal owner held in trust for the persons who had contributed to the purchase price of the property or made contributions referable to the acquisition of the property.

The sum of £8,600 had reduced the company's overdraft which had been secured by the holding of the title deeds to the order of the bank. Therefore, it was said, the payment was referable to the acquisition of Hayes Lane by the company, and equity required it to hold Hayes Lane for itself and Mr and Mrs Wing, or one of them.

The simple answer to that tortuous argument was that the payment of £8,600 was not referable to the acquisition of Hayes Lane which had already been bought and paid for in full. There had been no connection between the acquisition of Hayes Lane and the payment of £8,600.

The proper inference to be drawn from the admitted facts was that Hayes Lane, acquired by the company, and the sum of £8,600 paid into its bank account, became assets of the company, managed by Mr Wing for the benefit of himself and Mrs Wing as sole and equal shareholders and not as owners of equitable interests.

Equity was not a compunor. Equity operated on conscience but was not influenced by sentimentality.

The conscience of a company, as well as its management, was confided to its directors, who owed a duty to it and its creditors to ensure its affairs were properly administered and that its property was not dissipated or exploited for the benefit of the directors themselves.

Mr Wing was responsible for the insolvency of the company. Mrs Wing was not aware that, as a director, she owed any duty to the company or its creditors.

But in the circumstances of the case and in view of Mrs Wing's failure to discover and exercise her powers as a director so as to ensure that the affairs of the company were properly conducted, equity would not compel, or even allow, the company to hold part of its property on trust for Mrs Wing to the detriment of creditors and in priority to the claims of creditors.

Lord Keith, Lord Griffiths, Lord Mackay and Lord Ackner agreed.

Solicitors: Parlett Kent & Co; Clemence Turner & Henry, Bromley.

European Law Report — Strasbourg

Damages for harming defence rights

Unterpertinger v Austria

Before G. Wiarda, President and Judges W. Ganshof van der Meersch, F. Matscher, B. Walsh, Sir Vincent Evans, R. Macdonald and C. Russo
Registrar M.-A. Eissen
(Case No 1/1985/87/134)
[Judgment November 24]

When a person's conviction was based principally upon testimony tendered in the form of statements read out in open court (which had previously been made to the police by members of his family entitled to refuse to give evidence in court), such a procedure appreciably restricted his defence rights and was in violation of article 6 of the European Convention on Human Rights.

Article 6 provides: "1 In the determination of . . . any criminal charge against him, everyone is entitled to a fair and public hearing within a reasonable time by an independent and impartial tribunal established by law . . .

"3 Everyone charged with a criminal offence has the following minimum rights: . . . (d) to examine or have examined witnesses against him and to obtain the attendance and examination of witnesses on his behalf under the same conditions as witnesses against him . . ."

On March 10, 1980, the Innsbruck Regional Court found Mr Unterpertinger guilty of having caused actual bodily harm to his step-daughter on August 14, 1979 and to his wife on September 9, 1979. It sentenced him to six months' imprisonment. The Innsbruck Court of Appeal confirmed the judgment on June 4, 1980.

Mrs Unterpertinger and her daughter had been heard by the police, the former in respect of both incidents, the latter in respect of the first incident only.

At the hearing before the regional court, they both declared that they did not wish to give evidence, and that prevented both the regional court and, later, the Court of Appeal from questioning them (article 152 (1) of the Code of Criminal Procedure). However, in accordance with Austrian judicial practice, their declarations to the police were read out at the hearing.

On appeal, the applicant requested that additional evidence should be taken and, in particular, several witnesses heard. The Court of Appeal decided to hear his sister-in-law but refused his other requests.

The regional court and the Court of Appeal based their judgments, *inter alia*, on the declarations made to the police by Mrs Unterpertinger and her daughter.

In its report of October 11, 1984, the European Commission of Human Rights expressed the opinion that there had been no violation of article 6, paragraph 3(d) (five votes to five, with the casting vote of the President) or of article 6, paragraph 1 (five votes to four, with one abstention).

In its judgment the European Court of Human Rights held:

1 Article 6

The Court recalled that the guarantees contained in paragraph 3 were specific aspects of the general concept of a fair trial set forth in paragraph 1. In the circumstances of the instant case, it considered the applicant's complaints from the angle of paragraph 1 taken together with the principles inherent in paragraph 3(d).

It went on to hold that article 152(1)(1) of the Code of Criminal Procedure, by virtue of which members of the applicant's family were entitled to refuse to give evidence, was, as such, manifestly not incompatible with article 6, paragraphs 1 and 3(d).

It made allowance for the special problems that might be entailed by a confrontation between someone "charged with a criminal offence" and a witness from his own family and was calculated to protect such a witness by avoiding his being put in a moral dilemma; furthermore, there existed comparable provisions in the domestic law of several member states of the Council of Europe.

In itself, the reading out of statements in that way could not be regarded as being inconsistent with article 6, paragraphs 1 and 3(d) of the Convention, but the use made of them as evidence had nevertheless to comply with the rights of the defence, which it was the object and purpose of article 6 to protect.

That was especially so where the person "charged with a criminal offence", who had the right under article 6, paragraph 3(d) to "examine or have examined" witnesses against him, had not had an opportunity at any stage in the earlier proceedings to question the persons whose statements were read out at the hearing.

In the instant case the police had taken statements from Mrs Unterpertinger as a "suspect" in relation to the incident on August 14, 1979 and then as a complainant in relation to the incident on September 9, 1979; from Miss Tappeiner (the applicant's step-daughter) they had taken a statement as a "person involved" in connection with the first incident.

By refusing to give evidence in court, they prevented the applicant from examining them or having them examined on their statements. Admittedly, he was able to submit his comments freely during the hearing, but the Court of Appeal refused to admit the evidence he sought to adduce in order to put his former wife's and step-daughter's credibility in doubt.

It was true that the statements made by Mrs Unterpertinger and Miss Tappeiner were not the only evidence before the courts. They also had before them, *inter alia*, the police reports, the medical reports appended thereto and the file on the couple's divorce proceedings; in addition, the Court of Appeal had heard a sister-in-law of Mr Unterpertinger as a witness.

However, it was clear from the judgment of June 4, 1980 that the Court of Appeal based the applicant's conviction mainly on the statements made by Mrs Unterpertinger and Miss Tappeiner to the police. It did not treat those simply as items of information but as proof of the truth of the accusations made by the women at the time.

Admittedly, it was for the Court of Appeal to assess the material before it as well as the relevance of the evidence which *the accused sought to adduce*; but Mr Unterpertinger was nevertheless convicted on the basis of "testimony" in respect of which his defence rights were appreciably restricted.

That being so, the applicant did not have a fair trial and there was a breach of paragraph 1 of article 6 of the Convention, taken together with the principles inherent in paragraph 3(d).

2 Application of article 50

The Court accepted the greater part of the applicant's claim for just satisfaction and decided that the respondent state must pay him 28,000 Austrian schillings in respect of loss of earnings, 100,000 Austrian schillings in respect of non-pecuniary damage and 33,578.15 Austrian schillings less 5,470,50 French francs by way of reimbursement for costs and expenses incurred before the Convention bodies and not covered by legal aid.

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Tradition wins in the Green Belt

By Christopher Warman
Property Correspondent

A small courtyard development by Berkeley Homes within the walled kitchen garden of the listed Betchworth House, near Dorking, Surrey, is interesting for two particular reasons – for the buyers it is attracting, and for the fact that it was allowed in the first place.

The land is in the Green Belt and in an area of outstanding natural beauty. And in view of the hostility displayed to any development on Green Belt land, with government assurances that it will not sanction any encroachment, it is an exceptional development.

Detailed planning consent was granted only after considerable negotiation between the vendor's architects and the local authority. As a result, the vendor agreed that the proceeds from the sale of the land should be put towards the refurbishment and restoration of the nearby Betchworth House, which dates from the 15th century and has a clockface dated 1675.

The attractions of life in a village

Berkeley Homes is now levelling the 1.5-acre site and renovating the high mellowed brick walls. It is to build 14 village houses round a courtyard, and a single detached four-bedroom house.

The development will have its own private road, and the architectural concept has been carefully considered to make sure the scheme blends into the surrounding Betchworth village.

The houses will be built in a mixture of traditional styles, some tile-hung, and using reclaimed bricks, clay tiles and cast-iron guttering and pipes. All the houses will have two reception rooms; some will have two bedrooms, some will have three.

When the local authority gave consent the planners saw the proposed development as attracting first-time buyers. In fact, the houses are being sold off-plan to people who are trading down and want to enjoy the benefits of village life. Seven have already been reserved. Prices range from £97,500 to £165,000, beyond the reach of most first-time buyers, and the agents are Newman Davis and Company of Guildford.

For Peter Francis, managing director of Berkeley Homes, the development is a vindication of the use of Green Belt land in certain circumstances. He supports the Green Belt but says villages need some form of development to keep them alive. He says: "These pieces of Green Belt land are choking villages, and it is better to develop on them and bring people into the villages than to build on a field miles away."

The quick sale of nearly half the houses also points to the success of Berkeley Homes in its approach to housing. The company, based in Weybridge, was formed 10 years ago. It has now gone public and has eight autonomous regional offices. The group built 242 houses last year and specializes in single, individually designed houses built in traditional styles, or low-volume estates generally at the top end of the market.

It prides itself on its 20th-century approach, but it emphasizes the traditional nature of its designs, and uses second-hand bricks and clay roof tiles where possible.

The essence of the company's philosophy is its "kerbside appeal". Jim Farrer, the group chairman, says: "We believe we know what people want and we try hard to get it right. If houses look right they will attract customers." The group claims to be a "true" developer, selling early off-plan and making its profit margin, not speculating on a higher price once the house in completed.

Another of its conspicuous successes has been in association with Speyhawk and Rosehaugh Partnership to build developments at Old Isleworth on the Thames west of London as part of a whole village scheme for the regeneration of the Isleworth conservation area. A scheme of 28 town houses and three flats at Millside Place, costing from £80,000 to £172,000, has been sold out in less than two months.

This pattern is being repeated at Nazareth House, Old Isleworth, where 41 riverside town houses are being built. Before building, 20 of the houses were placed on the market on October 24 at prices up to £250,000 and so far at least 19 have been reserved.

Tony Pidgley, the managing director, comments: "It shows once more the importance of providing attractively designed character houses, with well planned accommodation in a superb setting. There is certainly a distinct charm about the old village setting which, with the added benefit of river frontage, is of instant appeal to our purchasers."

The houses, to be built in the Dutch gable style, are grouped around a central courtyard on 2.2 acres with 400ft of river frontage between Richmond and Kew. Every house will have four bedrooms, two or three bathrooms, two reception

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rooms, and a garden. The Nazareth House project is part of an overall plan to make Old Isleworth a business and residential village. When completed, it will have 140 homes, a range of leisure and business facilities, including a new riverside pub and restaurant, 5,000 sq ft of craft workshops and a new riverside walkway.

In its 10 years, Berkeley has progressed with its in-house design teams through many styles, including the ever popular Georgian and Tudor. Some of the earlier houses had a colonial look, but today's most popular styles, according to Mr Farrer, are Tudor and traditional cottage.

At the exclusive St Georges Hill estate at Weybridge, a large house in Georgian style is just being completed. It will cost around £550,000 and for the price – as with its other houses – the group likes to allow customers to mould it to their desires. Inside design, including some of the walls, can be changed to provide exactly the accommodation required.

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Catherine of Aragon slept here . . .

■ While King Henry VII was negotiating the final details of the marriage treaty between Prince Arthur and Catherine of Aragon near Portsmouth in 1501, he stayed at Dogmersfield Park, home of John Cheyne, Knight of the King's Body, and the young princess stayed at a house at Dogmersfield, four miles from Odiham, known now unsurprisingly as Catherine of Aragon.

The Grade II listed house, dating back to the 15th century, has since been enlarged to create a family house. It is built of brick with a timber frame and has a fine herringbone brick entrance porch. It has three reception rooms, a master bedroom suite and four further bedrooms, and a self-contained annexe with two bedrooms. There is also a gardener's cottage in the grounds of about 2.5 acres adjoining protected open farmland. Hampton & Sons' Farnham office is seeking offers of more than £350,000.

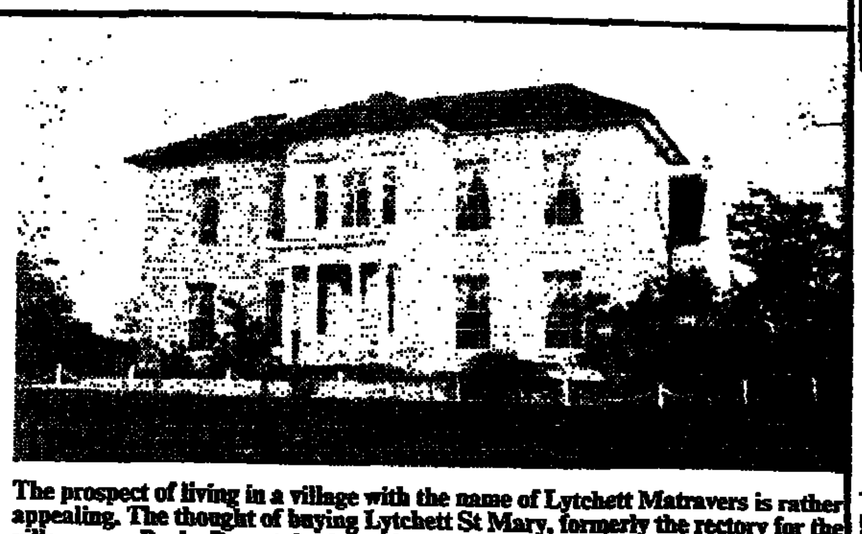
■ In that part of London's Docklands that existed before the new surge of activity, Savills is selling a third-floor flat at No 1, The Pierhead, Wapping, one of the area's most prestigious addresses. The Pierhead, which forms an open-ended square, was built in 1811 to house senior employees of the London Dock Company, and the flat has fine views of the river and the City. The flat has a double reception room and two bedrooms and a large roof garden. The agents' asking price is around £295,000.

The mills boom

■ The popularity of mills (featured in this column last week) is reinforced with news of more mills, both wind and water, on the market. The Windmill, with the Mill House at Bardwell, Bury St Edmunds, is thought to be one of only two windmills in the country still to be milling on a daily commercial basis. It was built in 1825 in tarred red brick and has been restored by the present owner. With the house, two reception rooms and four bedrooms, and a third of an acre, it is for sale at £120,000 through Rutters, of Bury St Edmunds.

The Old Mill, at Coton, Whitchurch, Shropshire, a former windmill with a circular living room and several bedrooms in the mill tower, is for sale at £80,000 (Tel: 0948 840426), while Terwick Mill, Trotton, near Midhurst, West Sussex, is an old watermill whose unconverted part, of timber construction, dates back to about 1600. The remainder of Terwick Mill, built of stone, dates from the 1700s and has a reception room, two main bedrooms and two further bedrooms. It overlooks the millpond and millstream and stands in three-quarters of an acre. It also has fishing rights. King & Chasemore's Midhurst office is seeking offers around £250,000.

■ Windy Brow, on the outskirts of Lymington, Hampshire, not far from the New Forest, is a fine thatched house, built in 1922 and recently extensively modernized. It has five bedrooms and three reception rooms, with a tennis court, a heated swimming pool and a summer house in the five acres of gardens and paddock. Jackson & Jackson, of Lymington, is asking for offers close to £375,000.



The prospect of living in a village with the name of Lytchett Matravers is rather appealing. The thought of buying Lytchett St Mary, formerly the rectory for the village near Poole, Dorset, is almost irresistible except for the price of £475,000. Lytchett St Mary is a fine country house built around 1720 on the edge of the village near the 13th-century church, which in 1831 was given a grander façade when the wealthy Rev Howell James moved from London to become rector. The Grade II listed house has been meticulously renovated by the present owners while retaining its original features and has three reception rooms, a master bedroom suite and four further bedrooms. The grounds of three acres include outbuildings, lawns, paddocks and woodland, and the agents are Prudential Property Services (Pearsons before the take-over) at Ringwood

The great hall lives on

The sale of two of the finest properties in Norfolk – a great house and a great estate – with news of their new owners gives an insight into the way in which these grand places, in danger of becoming redundant, can be and are being preserved.

Melton Constable Hall, described as the finest Grade I listed house in England not at present occupied, was offered for sale by Strutt & Parker in May with an asking price of more than £300,000.

This Charles II house, built between 1644 and 1670, had been empty for more than 20 years before the announcement earlier this month that it had been bought by a foreign investment company for refurbishment and development. No price was given.

The new owners, through Melton Development Ltd, are represented by Roger Gawn, who, as chairman of Norwich Investments and Securities Ltd, is involved in a major redevelopment in Norwich city centre. He will be responsible for the Melton Constable scheme in design and implementation and will ultimately live there in one of the principal houses.

The plan involved placing the main building into a trust so that the public can have access to it and its gardens. The remainder of the property will be converted into houses from the group of listed buildings, and there will eventually be 24 houses, excluding the main hall. Only a few will be available for sale.

The Pickenham Hall estate, near Swaffham, has the Hall, built this century on earlier foundations, as the centre of a 3,500-acre estate, with grounds reputedly laid out by Humphrey Repton. What made it exceptional was that the estate included most of the nearby village of South Pickenham, and Knight Frank & d Rutley valued it at between £5 million and £10 million – an imprecise figure reflecting uncertainty about how much it might fetch.

Its new owner is a Bedfordshire man, Richard Daniels, who started in business making window frames and garden sheds with a £600 loan from his father. Now, aged 55, he is the chairman and managing director of Richard Daniels Homes. He has bought the whole thing, including the South Pickenham Estate Company, the mansion, the village, three farms and two miles of river, and although the price has not been disclosed it is believed to be around £7 million.

'Unique heritage of the estate'

The forthcoming sale by the Moreton family, who had lived there since 1925, raised fears that it would be broken up and redeveloped. Mr Daniels quickly made it clear that it would be preserved as it is now.

He said: "Although the purchase has been in the name of one of the development companies in the group, Bondor Developments, there are no plans to do anything other than preserve the unique heritage of the Pickenham Hall Estate."

It was thought that the estate might be difficult to sell. Mr Daniels explained simply: "Pickenham Estate became available. We took a look at it and liked it. We don't intend to alter anything apart from creating slightly more office space, if necessary. The present staff will retain their jobs because we will use the Hall as our headquarters where clients and staff can work and relax."

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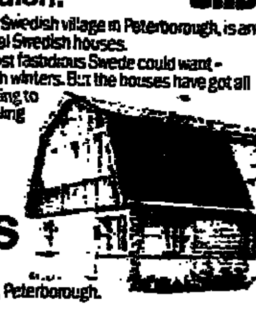

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MOTOR RACING

Race is on for the smoothest ride

By John Blunsden

A new phrase is likely to be added to the vocabulary of grand prix racing next season. It is "active suspension", and it refers to a sophisticated system of suspension control in which messages are sent from each corner of the car to a central computer processor, which instantly analyses them and then makes the appropriate suspension adjustments for optimum handling and ride performance.

It was first seen, briefly, in 1983, when JPS Team Lotus experimented with an "active" car in Brazil, but the system clearly needed a lot of development and little has been heard about it since. However, the Lotus research and development department have been continuing their investigations, and the system is expected to feature on the next Corvette sports car

There are strong rumours that the Lotus-Honda formula one car, which Gerrard Ducarouge is designing for 1987, will also be actively suspended, but meanwhile, Williams Grand Prix Engineering have announced that they, too, have a car equipped with computer-controlled, active-ride suspension which began four days of tests at Estoril, Portugal, yesterday.

"We have been developing active-ride for several years, originally in conjunction with Automotive Products of Leamington" explained the Williams's design director, Patrick Head. "Now we have taken over the development from AP, and we believe it has far-reaching possibilities."

Williams will run their experimental car alongside two standard specification FW11s in Portugal and, if the results from the new suspension system are sufficiently positive, the team will consider racing with what they are already referring to as their "glide ride" development during the coming season.

Nigel Mansell is expected to return for the tests from Abu Dhabi, where he has been on a promotion trip for Mobil, one of his team's sponsors. Last Friday evening, Mansell was announced as the recipient of the Guild of Motoring Writer's 1986 Driver of the Year award.

Bringing out the best in West

Unsung Briton Jeremy West became the first Western canoeist to win two titles at the world championships this year. Chief Sports Correspondent David Miller met him in exile in Basle, Switzerland.

Worldly goods: Jeremy West and the world championship medals that changed his mind about entering the Seoul Olympics

Is it possible for an impecunious Briton to penetrate the professional arena of a minority sport dominated by state-sponsored Eastern Europeans, would the public know if he did, and should they and our Government care more than they evidently do? The answers are yes, no and maybe.

The questions are provoked by Jeremy West, from Surrey, a remarkable double world champion in canoeing, presently living anonymously in Basle, who has a thorax, shoulders and biceps to compare with Tyson the Terrible, and is an obvious candidate for a gold medal at the next Olympic Games.

He excels over the prosaic, flat stuff

Let us consider the last answer first. Competitive canoeists in Britain are *numbered in four figures, rather than* six or seven, but they are energetic enough in their persuasions for Princess Anne to have opened, this autumn, an artificial white-water course at the national water-sports centre in Nottingham in the company of satisfied officials from the Nottinghamshire and Sports Councils.

White-water racing is, of course, more eccentric than the prosaic flat stuff, in which the canoeist must *generate his own momentum, and at* which West excels. It is commendable that the taxpayer should provide community facilities that offer an alternative to the sort of entertainment for which too many are at present undergoing healthy spells of retraining at Her Majesty's Pleasure.

Yet, is public or private sponsorship justifiable to help West beat the Communists at an activity that, as they perceive it, is an ideology as much as a sporting achievement?

In moderation, I think, public support is in the public interest. No sociological analyst can tell us precisely the parameters by which we estimate our national status, yet sport is certainly part of the equation. A *world champion canoeist must* be worth more to our self-esteem than any bucolic darts-tosser.

It is, however, wrong of the publicist for canoeing's Olympic racing squad to claim poverty on West's behalf, in comparison with, say, our leading track athletes. Ovett, Coe, Cram and Black became financially prominent only *after* achieving international success.

The drive of the international sports competitor should always, in the first place, be self-initiated by private, not public, will-power. There is also the factor of spectator – and, therefore, commercial – interest, which is unfortunate for West.

Having said that, it is to be hoped that he will now be given an élite grant of £5,000 by the Sports Aid Foundation, which hitherto has funded him with some £800 per annum. Such were the financial strains that, until he won the K1 (singles) 500 metres and 1,000 metres in this year's world championships in Montreal, he had intended, at 25, to retire prematurely.

Not only was his double gold an achievement accomplished only twice before – and never by a Western competitor – but his time of 3min 37.60sec was an unofficial world record.

The Olympic champion, Alan Thompson, of New Zealand, returned his same Los Angeles time, yet was only seventh, and West also defeated, for the first time in three meetings this year, the previous 1,000m world champion, Ferenc Csipes, of Hungary.

"The only way to beat the Eastern Europeans," he says, "is simple – do as much work as they do."

Jeremy followed in the footsteps of Jonathan, eight years his elder brother among four. At 13, he joined Leander Sea Scouts at Kingston-on-Thames and, soon afterwards, he crossed the river to the adjacent Royal Canoe Club.

In 1979, at 18, he won the junior world championships silver medal – Britain's first-ever medal – but, immediately before the Moscow Olympics, he contracted hepatitis and was out of action for a year.

It took him two or three years to recover fully, and he meanwhile worked at his mathematics degree at the West London Institute. In 1984, he took a sabbatical and, in Los Angeles, came fifth in the K4 "fours", only half a second behind the bronze medallists, and eighth in the K2 (pairs) with Andrew Sherriff.

Medals changed his mind about retirement

Last year, he completed his degree and then borrowed £2,000 from his *father, to attend a winter's "summer"* training in New Zealand with Ian Ferguson, a former Olympic champion. Ferguson provided new ideas and motivation, and Montreal the reward. West changed his mind about retirement.

What is a British canoeist doing in Basle? The answer is that his fiancée, whom he is marrying in a fortnight's time, is Irene Schaffner, the former European freestyle ski-jumping bronze medallist and now fitness coach of the Swiss canoe team.

West plans to spend this winter, with SAF assistance, strengthening his already-formidable physique with cross-country skiing and training at centres in Italy, Spain and Portugal.

Even if he does not win a gold medal in Seoul, his offspring must surely win a medal at something.

GOLF

The decline of the master and the birth of his shrine

Sports writers of The Times present their selection from the sporting books of the year. Today: Mitchell Platts on the best of the golf books.

The paradox of Augusta National Golf Club is that the moment it began life as a shrine to its maker, Bobby Jones, so Jones himself acknowledged that for him playing the game of golf could never be quite the same. Jones, of course, had formally announced his retirement from championship golf in *1930, after he completed the* unprecedented "Grand Slam", but it was at the inaugural US Masters in 1934 on his beloved Augusta course that he became fully aware that he could no longer perform with such unparalleled majesty.

Charles Price, in his excellent book, *Bobby Jones and The Masters* (Stanley Paul, £20), explains the start made by Jones in the first round in 1934 and his emotions as he played the fifth hole: "On the next tee, the whir of a movie camera made him stop in the middle of his backswing. Ordinarily, Jones could interrupt his downswing, so much in control did he keep the clubhead. But, for the first time in memory, something outside that spotlight he was so used to had unsettled him. (Years ago, when a little girl had poked her head through the gallery as Jones was almost at impact, he had been able to top his shot on purpose.)

"Jones readdressed the ball uneasily, and pushed his drive into the rough. He knew at that instant that something had gone out of his game, forever. Nothing so inconsequential had ever unnerved him before.

"It wasn't that Jones had lost his nerves. After all, he was only 32. To the contrary, he had found his nerves in the pit of his stomach, and with those trembling hands. But something was keeping him from making his nerves work for him instead of against him. In the high-wire act Jones was expected to peform at Augusta National, something improvident had put a net underneath him. And that margin for error had nullified the genius that Jones had for golf. It had removed the element of danger that he had been able to overcome in his inimitable fashion and that had separated him from every other golfer in championships...with the Grand Slam, Bobby Jones had gone into golf's fourth dimension. He had been to some uncharted moon and back. Now that he was earthbound again, he just could not perform...Men might hit longer and straighter shots, sink more putts, win more championships, even. In short, play better golf than Bobby Jones had. But nobody would ever play like him."

Price strove not to produce the official biography of Jones, the official history of the Augusta National Golf Club, or the official chronicle of the Masters tournaments. But he claims it is the authorized version of all three.

It is a story which is as entrancing as the Augusta National Golf Course itself, and one which at the same time examines the extraordinary career of Jones, then of how he came to devise Augusta and then the tragic circumstances of his later years.

I enjoyed Arnold Palmer's introduction in *Arnold Palmer's Complete Book of Putting* (Stanley Paul, £12.95), composed in conjunction with Peter Dobereiner. "All I ask is that if you come across a passage in the following pages that strikes you as utter nonsense, then blame Dobereiner. And when you read something that sparkles with the authentic gleam of a jewel of revelation, then give me the credit!" That, of course, we must eventually conclude to be the handiwork of Dobereiner. The book is a fascinating, and forgivably extravagant, insight into the game within a game and it is woven together by a supreme artist of the fairways in collaboration with an artist from the other side of the ropes.

Every picture tells a thousand stories, and *in Seve* (Partridge Press, £12.95), the golf photographer Phil Sheldon, assisted with text by Dudley Doust, captures the first 10 years of the phenomenal Spaniard's professional career. It is a superb portrait which reflects the changing moods of Ballesteros and emphasizes the skills of the award-winning Sheldon.

BOXING

Lawyers may land knockout punch

From Srikumar Sen, Boxing Correspondent, New York

The heavyweight series to find an undisputed world champion, which Mike Tyson put on its feet so spectacularly by stopping Trevor Berbick inside two rounds at Las Vegas 16 days ago, is not boxing too clever at the moment. A bit like Danny Kaye as the fighting milkman in *The Kid From Brooklyn*, and in danger of knocking himself silly.

Just four days before the start of the sixth bout in the series in which Tim Witherspoon meets James *"Bonecrusher" Smith* – the replacement for Tony Tubbs – the Don King organisation, who manage both Witherspoon and Tubbs besides being co-promoters of the tournament, are having to face lawyers representing the two boxers

Tubbs maintains that he should not be taken out of the series and has come here to appear before the New York Athletic Commission's doctors *to prove* that his injury that caused his withdrawal was genuine. Witherspoon simply wants more money.

Tubbs's attorney, Cary Medill, said: "We will be bringing a medical report to bring the medical business all out in the open. We want to prove the sceptics wrong." King was reported to have said that Tubbs was faking injury to get more money. Tubbs, who is said to have received $150,000 to stand aside to let Witherspoon defend against Frank Bruno last July, has now been paid another $75,000 and been told, "Tubbs is history", by King. But Medill says: "We are going to protect our rights to fight for the title".

Witherspoon's lawyer, Dennis Richard from Miami, says: "Tim has never seen his contract. We have asked for it but they have not shown it. They are playing hide-and-seek and I have put them on notice in *writing.*"

What has set off this revolt is that the other kid from Brooklyn, Tyson, aged 20, made $1.5 m from his bout with Berbick and will be clearing $3m in March against the winner of Friday's bout.

With Tubbs's withdrawal, Witherspoon believes that he should automatically go through to the next round to meet Tyson. He does not believe he is bound by his contract to face a substitute.

Richard is not certain whether he can get Witherspoon much more for Friday's defence but, should he win, he aims to get him more than $1m for his bout with Tyson. Witherspoon wants $5m but will settle for $3m – the same as Tyson. Richard said yesterday: "They should remember that there is a human being involved who should not be taken for granted."

Anniversary ball but no sponsors

The World Invitation Basketball championship will celebrate its tenth anniversary without a major sponsor or television coverage at Crystal Palace from January 1-4.

A few familiar faces will also be absent, notably Maccabi Tel Aviv, the Israeli champions who have won the men's senior tournament six times, and Red Star Belgrade of Yugoslavia. Athletes in Action, the evangelical christian club from the United States, lead the challenge from abroad with the aim of repeating their 1981 success.

Europe is well represented with Bayer Leverkusen, of West Germany, and Solna, of Sweden, making welcome returns while Team Budweiser, Cork, will carry the hopes of Ireland. Other teams also making a return are Monte Libano Sao Paulo, of Brazil, and the Australian Institute of Sport while Wingate College, from the United States, will make their first appearance.

Team Polycell Kingston, BCP London and Murray International, Edinburgh, head the domestic challengers alongside the Prudential Cup finalists, Portsmouth, leaving organisers one place to fill in the men's competition.

A women's and junior men's tournament will take place alongside the senior men's, together with cadet girls and wheelchair championships.

BASKETBALL

Lack of platform

By a Special Correspondent

While England's leading teams contest the Prudential Cup final at the Royal Albert Hall next Monday night, a British team, arguably better *than either of them, will kick* their heels on the sidelines.

MIM Livingstone, the Scottish champions, have long entertained big ideas, big ambitions. Their owner, David Murray, has the long-term aim of winning the European Cup.

But they lack a regular platform for their talents – they are 50 to 100 points better than any of their rivals as this weekend's Scottish Cup semi-finals will no doubt demonstrate.

The major snag is that the Scottish Association's annual general meeting in September took a decision not to allow clubs to compete in a competition controlled by another association. It is that decision which MIM want to overturn and have obtained the support of 11 other clubs in calling an extraordinary general meeting of the association

With no prospect of a genuine British league emerging in the immediate future, David Murray is prepared to accept the conditions laid down by the English Association (EBBA) for the new-style league.

SWIMMING

Award gives Day some consolation

Tony Day, ignored by Britain's selectors for next weekend's European Cup in Sweden, has received a financial *boost. Day, aged 21, who comes* from Wales but is based in Leeds, has been granted a Minet award for Olympic excellence, and will receive £4,160 towards training and travelling expenses between now and the 1988 Olympic Games

Recently, Day beat Grant Robins – selected ahead of him for Malmo – in the club team championships and set new British records for the 400 metres medley and 1,500 metres

AMERICAN FOOTBALL

Seahawks frustrate Raiders' attack

By Robert Kirley

The dependable and cautiously optimistic Curt Warner gained 116 yards and scored two touchdowns and Dave Krieg passed for 243 yards and two touchdowns to lead the Seahawks to a 37-0 win against the Los Angeles Raiders on Monday night in Seattle. The flustered Raiders had not failed to score in a game since 1981.

"We're still in the hunt for the play-offs," Warner said. The most prolific running back in the AFC (1,196 yards) scored on runs of five and three yards.

"Four weeks ago, I think we were the worst team in the NFL and it will be hard to overcome that. It's do-or-die time."

The result enabled the Denver Broncos to win the AFC West title and kept alive the faint play-off hopes of Seattle, who have won three consecutive games. The Seahawks established a team record with 11 sacks of the Los Angeles quarterbacks – Jim Plunkett (six), Marc Wilson (four) and Rusty Hilger (one) – the most ever surrendered by the Raiders.

"It was a humbling experience," the Los Angeles coach, Tom Flores, said. "We didn't play well in all categories." *Todd Christensen caught a 20-yard toss from Plunkett during* the Raiders' first series to become the first player in NFL history to catch 80 or more passes in each of four seasons. Christensen, playing in his eighth season, caught 92 passes in 1983, 80 in 1984 and 82 last season. His three catches for 50 yards against the Seahawks boosted his reception total to 82, the best in the league, for 1,017 yards.

Kenya ban Woosnam over S Africa links

The Kenya Golf Union have banned Ian Woosnam, of Wales, from defending his Kenya Open title next year because he played in a tournament in South Africa at the weekend.

The Kenyan body's administrator, Mike Harbage, told reporters that Woosnam would not be invited to the competition, which will be played in February. He claimed that Woosnam took part in South Africa's Sun City Million Dollar championship at the weekend.

Harbage added that Woosnam was one of the few top international golfers who had defied political pressure to boycott the South African tournament.

● Four former British Open champions, Arnold Palmer, Gary Player, Peter Thomson and Roberto de Vicenzo look certain to be playing golf again in Britain next summer.

The stars of yester-year are lined up to take part in the new Seniors British Open, which will be held at Turnberry on July 23-26 – the week after the Open at Muirfield.

Mark McCormack's International Management Group will co-promote the new event, along with the PGA European Tour, who have Britain's PGA Seniors champion Neil Coles, and the former Ryder Cup golfers, Christy O'Connor Senior, Brian Huggett and Bernard Hunt, among their over-50's.

The Seniors Open will have a prize fund of £150,000. The organisers have secured a three-year contract with Turnberry, using the famous Ailsa course.

● A final round of 75 earned Steve Jones, of the United States, first place in the 108-hole PGA qualifying tournament at La Quinta, California, on Monday. Jones finished 17 under par, on 415.

He had rounds of 67, 65, 69, 67, 72 and 75, to win by four shots over Steve Elkington, of Australia, who scored an even-par 72, to finish with a six-day total of 419 – 13 under par.

The victory was worth $15,000 (£10,700) to Jones. Elkington collected $9,000 for finishing second.

A total of 53 players earned their playing cards for the 1987 PGA Tour by completing the tournament with scores of 434 – two over par – or better over the six rounds.

Jones, who led or shared the lead in each of the six rounds, finished 136th on this year's PGA Tour official money list with $51,473.

The 53 qualifiers join the 125 leading earners from this year to form the 1987 PGA Tour.

Final scores: 415: S Jones; 419: S Elkington; 421: P Parkin, R Medlet; 423: T Garner; 424: W Emton, D Johnson; 425: D Waldorf, D Shiry Jnr, L Roberts.

● The Wilson Club Professionals Championship will have an increased prize fund of £25,000 next season when it is played at Sandiway, Cheshire, from June 24-27. David Huish (North Berwick), nominated as the captain of the PGA for 1988, is the defending champion.

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RACING

Comeragh King the star of an impressive team

By Mandarin (Michael Phillips)

Jimmy FitzGerald and his stable jockey Mark Dwyer are poised to continue their triumphant march at Haydock Park this afternoon where they will be responsible for fancied runners in five of the six races.

My feeling is that they will land a double with **Comeragh King** and **Forgive'N Forget**.

The Tommy Whittle Chase, which is the day's most valuable race, is almost a carbon copy of the Edward Hanmer Memorial Chase run over the course and distance three weeks ago. On that occasion only three runners went to post and two of them were Forgive'N Forget and Cybrandian, the principal contenders again now.

The difference is today's race has conditions attached whereas their last race was a handicap.

On that occasion Forgive'N Forget gave Cybrandian 16lb and a four-length beating so it is rather difficult to envisage Cybrandian winning today's race at level weights, even if he was below his best last time as reflection suggests.

In the meantime he has won well at Chepstow from Mr Moonraker, who did not let the form down at Cheltenham on Saturday when he was runner-up to Oregon Trail in the big race there. Also Cybrandian was runner-up to Forgive'N Forget at Wetherby earlier in the season.

While he was beaten only half a length that day he was still receiving 8lb so on equal terms the dice are loaded heavily in favour of Fitzgerald's horse, who has run some of his finest races on this Lancashire track.

Following a promising first run over fences at Newbury where he was runner-up to Playschool Comeragh King is napped to win the Ribble Novices Chase.

At Cheltenham on Saturday the feeling was that Playschool would have won again if only he had not hit the third last fence so hard and come down. So Comeragh King's form could easily look so much better. Even as it stands it is still sufficient for me to name him as the day's banker without hesitation.

Later in the afternoon Peter Scudamore, the season's leading jockey can counter Dwyer's considerable challenge for the current championship by also landing a double on **Admiral's Cup** and **Powys**.

After beating Western Sunset at Devon and Exeter Admiral's Cup was then far from disgraced at Newbury where he was runner-up to Premier Charlie over a distance that may have been a bit too far for him. I prefer him now to Centre Attraction for the Boston Pit Handicap Chase.

Travelling companion Powys, trained like Admiral's Cup by Fred Winter, is preferred to Avoport and Modtech for the Ashton Novices' Hurdle on the strength of promising runs at Ascot and Sandown Park this season.

Meanwhile at Huntingdon the irrepressible Fitzgerald can also win with **Sip of Orange** in the EBF Novices Hurdle (qualifier).

A 20-length winner at Newcastle ten days ago and by six lengths at Wetherby before that she should be much too good for King Nimrod.

Forgive'N Forget, the Cheltenham Gold Cup favourite, is selected by Mandarin to repeat last month's emphatic course and distance win over Cybrandian in the Tommy Whittle Chase at Haydock Park today.

HAYDOCK PARK

Selections
By Mandarin

1.00 Mou-Dafa.
1.30 COMERAGH KING (nap).
2.00 Forgive 'N Forget.
2.30 String Player.
3.00 Admiral's Cup.
3.30 Powys.

Michael Seely's selection: 2.30 SOME MACHINE (nap)

Guide to our in-line racecard

103 (12) 0-0432 TIMESFORM (CD,BF) (Mrs J Ryley) B Hall 9-10-0 ... B West (4) 88 7-2

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F-fell. P-pulled up. U-unseated rider. B-brought down. S-slipped up. R-refused). Horse's name (B-blinkers. V-visor. H-hood. E-Eyeshield. C-course winner D-distance winner. CD-course and distance winner. BF-beaten favourite in latest race). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating. Approximate starting price.

Going: soft, hurdle course; good to soft, chase course

1.0 STEWARDS SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,050: 2m) (17 runners)

6 22-0100 MOU-DAFA (M Pipe) M Pipe 6-11-8 ... P Scudamore 90 6-1
8 10030P FLORI WONDER (D) (Roe Racing) G Roe 6-11-6 ... NON-RUNNER — —
9 002-000 DANCE OF LIFE (P Hamer) P Hamer 7-11-4 ... Mr P Hamer 92 12-1
12 40020-3 SPIGOT SHAFT (B Johnson) D Wintle 6-11-1 ... A Carroll 89 7-2
13 00/000-0 SKYBOOT (Mrs B Robinson) E Carter 7-11-1 ... P Richards 85 —
14 B80-100 HYDE (D) (I Anderson) I Anderson 9-10-13 ... A Murphy (7) 91 8-1
15 134110 KITTY WREN (D,BF) (Roe Racing Ltd) G Roe 6-10-12 ... NON-RUNNER — —
17 320/ GOOD FRIENDSHIP (A Donnelly) Jimmy Fitzgerald 5-10-11 ... M Dwyer — 7-2
18 043000 FROSTY TOUCH (Mrs E Slack) Mrs E Slack 8-10-10 ... Miss Slack (7) 98 —
20 01204-4 DESCARTES (B,D) (J McQueen) M Naughton 4-10-8 ... B Storey ● 99 F5-2
21 U000/0 PETER DRUMMER (R Fry) J Old 6-10-8 ... C Llewellyn (7) 96 —
23 0/0P30-P TUDOR SQUIRE (D Tucker) D Tucker 9-10-3 ... A Dicks (7) 92 —
25 0B000P/ LANCE OF ST GEORGE (D) (J Townson) J Townson 7-10-2 ... Sharron James (7) — —
27 B0P0F-0 FAIR CITY (V) (G Bell) F Gibson 9-10-1 ... L Wyer — —
28 0000/0 RIDGEWAY GIRL (J Parfitt) J Parfitt 6-10-1 ... R Pusey — —
30 00200-0 SMOKEY'S SON (Miss G Rees) Miss G Rees 7-10-0 ... — 88 —
31 0000- HAYMAN (D McCain) D McCain 6-10-0 ... K Doolan — —

1985: ORBITAL MANOEUVERS 4-10-7 T Wall (8-1) B McMahon 22 ran

FORM MOU-DAFA won a handicap hurdle in Ireland last July, since then has finished (10-0) 35½l 6th to Bigee (11-3) at Kempton (2m 4f, £2879, good, Nov 6, 12 ran). DANCE OF LIFE, behind twice this year, last season (10-7) beaten a head by Abercata (11-3) with FROSTY TOUCH (10-8) a further 2½l away in 3rd at Cartmel (2m 7l, £1199, soft, May 28, 10 ran). SKYBOOT, in need of race on seasonal debut, last Spring (10-13) finished 15l 5th to Rule of the Sea at Newcastle (2m 120yds, £1940, soft, Jan 11, 18 ran). DESCARTES (11-2) finished about 5l 4th to Polish Knight (10-11) at Wetherby (2m, £1120, good, Nov 25, 15 ran). PETER DRUMMER (11-10) ran just over 22l 6th to Ryans Dove at Leicester (2m, £1159, soft, Nov 28, 17 ran).
Selection: FROSTY TOUCH

1.30 RIBBLE NOVICE CHASE (£2,337: 2m 4f) (5 runners)

5 333-112 COMERAGH KING (BF) (A F Budge Ltd) Jimmy Fitzgerald 7-10-12 ... M Dwyer ● 99 4-7F
6 43F-3F2 NEW SONG (J Sanders) M Oliver 7-10-12 ... R Dunwoody 67 7-1
9 1142F2 TAROOGAN'S BEST (J Ennis) R Peacock 6-10-12 ... P Scudamore 74 5-1
10 F04-132 MAGGIES GIRL (Mrs M Whiteman) Denys Smith 7-10-11 ... C Grant 72 7-1
11 0-20033 RIGHT CLOUDY (P Liddle) P Liddle 8-10-7 ... B Storey 64 12-1

1985: REPINGTON 7-11-6 C Hawkins (4-11 fav) N Crump 4 ran

FORM COMERAGH KING (11-0) shaped nicely on chasing debut when 3l 2nd to Playschool (11-0) at Newbury (2m 4f, £4142, good to soft, Nov 22, 10 ran). NEW SONG (10-12) made a mistake at the last when short head 2nd to Turkana (11-4) at Wolverhampton (2m 4f, £1653, good, Nov 24, 10 ran). TAROOGAN'S BEST (11-0) no chance with winner when 5l 2nd to Hand Over (11-4) here (2m 4f, £2290, good to soft, Nov 19, 5 ran). MAGGIES GIRL (10-1) collared from 2 out when 6l 2nd to Centre Attraction (11-11) in handicap chase at Ayr (2m 4f, £1931, good to soft, Nov 21, 5 ran). RIGHT CLOUDY (11-1) no chance inside final ½ mile when 37l last of 3 finishers to Joint Sovereignty (11-10) at Newcastle (2m 4f, £7123, good, Nov 29, 4 ran).
Selection: COMERAGH KING

2.0 TOMMY WHITTLE CHASE (£7,418: 3m) (3 runners)

2 2PP-221 CYBRANDIAN (D) (I Bray) M H Easterby 8-11-2 ... L Wyer 87 7-4
3 3U43-11 FORGIVE'N FORGET (CD) (T Kilroe & Sons Ltd) Jimmy Fitzgerald 9-11-2 ... M Dwyer ● 99 F4-9
4 13PP0P- BIG BROWN BEAR (CD) (G Barlow) G Barlow 9-10-12 ... R Stronge 50 33-1

1985: EARLS BRIG 10-10-12 P Tuck (3-1) W Hamilton 4 ran

FORM FORGIVE N' FORGET (12-0) put up best ever performance when beating CYBRANDIAN (10-12) 4l here (3m, £7530, good to soft, Nov 19, 3 ran) on latest start; previously FORGIVE 'N FORGET (11-10) again beat the same horse (11-2) ½l at Wetherby (3m, £9428, soft, Nov 1, 6 ran). Subsequently CYBRANDIAN (11-0) not fully extended to beat Mr Moonraker (11-0) 10L at Chepstow (3m, £4852, soft, Nov 29, 3 ran). BIG BROWN BEAR was disappointing in the latter half of 1985/6 - last successful (10-0) when beating Hallo Dandy (11-10) here (4m, £2797, good, Nov 21, 8 ran).
Selection: FORGIVE 'N FORGET

2.30 WATERLOO HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,951: 2m 4f) (14 runners)

3 003-004 CHARLOTTE'S DUNCE (C,D) (Mrs N Westbrook) M H Easterby 5-11-9 ... L Wyer 90 9-2
5 0014-00 CROONING BERRY (P Green) J J O'Neill 7-10-13 ... — 84 —
7 40010/ BRICKEY RANGER (D) (T Sivier) Mrs S Oliver 9-10-11 ... J Duggan — 10-1
8 01240/ EMERALD WATSON (N Harrison) F Winter 6-10-10 ... P Scudamore — 12-1
9 0000P-0 SOME MACHINE (D) (W O'Gorman) Jimmy Fitzgerald 7-10-10 ... M Dwyer 90 12-1
12 4100P-0 OCEANUS (R Mitchell) Denys Smith 5-10-6 ... A Smith (7) 93 —
13 200-000 FORTY GRAND (N Howley) P Charlton 5-10-6 ... K Cotter (7) 86 —
16 03430-4 ROMAN DUSK (D) (E Lockley) J Charlton 6-10-3 ... R Earnshaw 91 8-1
18 F20P-00 SIR LUCKY (B) (P Brown) B McMahon 7-10-3 ... M Brennan 91 —
19 22-3011 STRING PLAYER (C) (F H Lee) F H Lee 4-10-3 (5ex) ... S Holland ● 99 F9-4
22 423330 WELL COVERED (D) (G Hamilton) R Hollinshead 5-10-0 ... P Dever 90 16-1
23 12/UP40 SHENTON WAY (M Hickey) J Jenkins 6-10-0 ... H Jenkins (7) 84 —
26 00-0002 HARLEY (Miss J Eaton) Miss J Eaton 4-10-0 ... C Grant 83 14-1
27 403/P0-2 WHISKY GO GO (F Hamar) Miss R Hamar 10-10-0 ... Miss L Wallace (7) 86 6-1

1985: HALF ASLEEP 4-10-1 P Farrell (11-2) W Elsey 15 ran

FORM CHARLOTTE'S DUNCE (11-11) tried to make all and kept on once headed when 7½l 4th to Record Harvest (10-13) here at Haydock (2m, £2114, good to soft, Nov 19, 8 ran) with SOME MACHINE (10-12) 2½l further back in 5th. BRICKLEY RANGER (12-2) was quite a decent performer in Ireland in 1983/84, beating Kilkeni (10-8) ¾l at Tralee (2m 4f, £1035, yielding, Apr 16, 17 ran) in a handicap hurdle. EMERALD WATSON (11-0) is another with winning form a while back, beating Deep Impression (11-7) 1½l at Cheltenham (2m, £1526, soft, Jan 1 1985, 10 ran). SIR LUCKY (10-0) has been a little disappointing since a 1½l 2nd to Half Asleep (10-1) in this race last year (2m 4f, £1948, soft, Dec 11, 15 ran). STRING PLAYER (10-7) is in very good heart judged on a 7l win from Billidor (10-2) at Newcastle last time (2m 120yds, £1864, good, Nov 29, 11 ran) under an 8lb penalty. WELL COVERED (10-6) ran to form on penultimate start when 3½l 3rd to Prying Parsons (11-4) at Wetherby (2m 4f, £2331, good, Oct 31, 17 ran). HARLEY (10-0) ran his best race of the season when 4l 2nd to Bngarone (10-4) at Newcastle (2m 4f, £1643, good to firm, Dec 1, 7 ran) with ROMAN DUSK (10-3) in need of race 7½l back in 4th.
Selection: STRING PLAYER

3.0 BOSTON PIT HANDICAP CHASE (£2,713: 2m) (3 runners)

3 04-0412 ADMIRAL'S CUP (D) (R E A Bott Ltd) F Winter 8-11-7 ... P Scudamore 98 3-1
6 11104/2- BLACKFEET (D) (J Mathieson) J S Wilson 7-10-13 ... C Grant — 6-1
7 1P-0121 CENTRE ATTRACTION (D) (Mrs V Mason) G Richards 7-10-7 (4ex) ... P Tuck ● 99 F4-6

1985: GEMELEK 9-11-7 G Bradley 3-1 J Old 3 ran

FORM ADMIRALS CUP (10-8) 5l 2nd to Premier Charlie (10-1) at Newbury (2m 4f, good to soft) latest start: previously (11-8) produced on the run-in to beat Western Sunset (11-8) 1½l at Devon (2m 1f, £5228, soft, Nov 11, 4 ran). BLACKFEET (11-10) not seen out since finishing a distant 2nd to Somerled (10-0) at Kelso (2m, £1209, good, Nov '85, 3 ran). CENTRE ATTRACTION (11-11) not extended to beat Maggies Girl (10-1) 6l at Ayr (2m 4f, £1931, good to soft, Nov 21, 5 ran).
Selection: CENTRE ATTRACTION

3.30 ASHTON NOVICE HURDLE (£1,352: 2m 4f) (16 runners)

2 020-11 MODTECH (D) (J Martin Engineers) J S Wilson 5-11-5 ... T G Dun 90 4-1
8 43-1 WILD FLYER (G Thorp) R Lee 5-10-13 ... B Dowling (7) 84 8-1
9 1F43 MARCELLINA (Mrs A Hodgkinson) E Alston 4-10-8 ... M Alston (7) 82 12-1
10 2 AVOPORT (W O'Gorman) Jimmy Fitzgerald 6-10-7 ... M Dwyer 85 6-1
11 BRICK LAWN (Lord Shrewbury) J Mackie 5-10-7 ... P Warner — —
12 04 CLEVER FOLLY (N Mason) G Richards 6-10-7 ... P Tuck — 10-1
14 0-4 DASHALONG (Mrs C Black) M Oliver 4-10-7 ... R Dunwoody — —
20 0 FRENCH HABITAT (N Warwick) P Davis 4-10-7 ... G Bradley — —
26 MR FAGIN (B Tomley) M Oliver 5-10-7 ... R Crank — —
29 PERMANENT WAY (A Green) Miss M Bell 4-10-7 ... C Grant — —
30 3-42 POWYS (R E A Bott Ltd) F Winter 6-10-7 ... P Scudamore ● 99 F5-2
34 00-20 ROYAL SANTA (Miss L Wallace) R Morris 5-10-7 ... K Doolan 77 —
35 RYMER KING (G Hutsby) J Chugg 4-10-7 ... A Sharpe — —
37 300-4 THE LODGE PRINCE (Qualfair Hotels Ltd) K Stone 4-10-7 ... L Wyer 79 —
39 2320-32 VITAL BOY (D Russe) R Holder 5-10-7 ... N Coleman 97 7-2
40 0U/ WILDRUSH (J Mason) G Oldroyd 7-10-7 ... G W Gray — —

1985: VINO FESTA 6-11-6 Dai Williams (6-1) R Perkins 14 ran

FORM MODTECH (11-2) landed the odds by 15l from Beaker (10-10) at Ayr last time (2m 4f, £895, good to soft, Nov 21, 16 ran) with CLEVER FOLLY (10-10) 12½l further back in 4th. WILD FLYER (10-5) was always up with the pace beating Harley Street Man (10-12) 5l at Ludlow (2m 5f, £1008, good, Nov 26, 18 ran). MARCELLINA (9-13) is one paced and could not quicken with the principals when 12½l 3rd to Old Meg (9-13) at Catterick (3m 1f 80yds, £2549, good to soft, Dec 9, 11 ran). AVOPORT (10-10) comes from a stable in excellent form, 7l 2nd to yesterday's Plumpton winner Keynes (10-10) at Leicester (2m, £815, good, Nov 17, 13 ran) on seasonal debut. POWYS (11-0) blundered 2 out but still ran a good race 3l 2nd to Buckskin's Best (11-0) at Sandown (2m 5f 75yds, £4862, good to soft, Nov 28, 11 ran). VITAL BOY (10-10) was always prominent when 2l 2nd to Intuition (10-3) in an above average Warwick hurdle (2m, £812, good to soft, Nov 27, 16 ran).
Selection: POWYS

Course specialists

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per Cent	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per Cent
M Pipe	7	24	29.2	M Dwyer	15	52	28.8
J FitzGerald	17	59	28.8	R Earnshaw	11	47	23.4
M H Easterby	15	69	21.7	G Bradley	9	44	20.5
G Richards	5	70	7.1	P Scudamore	9	45	20.0
Only Qualifiers				Only Qualifiers			

HUNTINGDON

Selections
By Mandarin

12.45 Beau Dire.
1.15 High Renown.
1.45 Sip Of Orange.
2.15 Oversway.
2.45 Professor Plum.
3.15 Hasty Gamble.

By Michael Seely
1.15 High Renown. 3.15 Catherine Bridge.
The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 3.15 Prefalas.

Going: good to soft

12.45 MONTAGU SELLING HURDLE (£1,363: 2m 100yd) (22 runners)

1 0004F-3 WARRIOR UNCLE (Mrs E Robinson) D Robinson 4-11-10 ... Mr D Robinson 80 —
2 03-04PP FOUR FOR UNCLE (I Campbell) I Campbell 4-11-5 ... R Campbell 87 —
3 00- OKAADH (S Squires) M Tompkins 4-11-5 ... S Smith Eccles — —
4 PAMELA HEANEY (Mrs a Speyer) H Beasley 4-11-5 ... R Goldstein — —
6 PODARCES (M Farrer) G Hartigan 4-11-5 ... J Barlow — —
9 4200F2 HALLOWED (P Pritchard) P Pritchard 4-11-0 ... N Fearn (7) ● 99 9-2
10 RAMILIE (Miss A Sykes) J Etherington 4-11-0 ... — — 7-2
11 002 RELUCTANT GIFT (D Gandolfo) D Gandolfo 4-11-0 ... T Woolley (7) 97 5-1
12 0300-02 TANA MIST (R Voorspuy) R Voorspuy 4-11-0 ... M Furlong 98 F3-1
13 0 BEAU DIRE (Miss W Redman) J Jenkins 3-10-7 ... S Sherwood — 8-1
14 00 BE POSITIVE (A Spence) A Ingham 3-10-7 ... Dale McKeown (7) — —
15 CAREER MADNESS (T Ramsden) M Ryan 3-10-7 ... — — 5-1
16 0 CHEAL (P Fletcher) M Hinchliffe 3-10-7 ... S McNeill 94 —
19 IRISH DILEMMA (T Ramsden) D Ringer 3-10-7 ... D Murphy — —
21 00344 NIPPER SMITH (W J Smith) W J Smith 3-10-7 ... J J Quinn 94 12-1
22 P NORHAM CASTLE (R Ledger) R Ledger 3-10-7 ... Mrs N Ledger — —
23 000P RHODE ISLAND RED (J Bruton) A Moore 3-10-7 ... G Moore — —
24 0 RUBUS (D Thom) D Thom 3-10-7 ... M Brennan — —
27 0 ANGEL DUST (K Stone) K Stone 3-10-2 ... A Stringer 83 —
29 JUST THE TICKET (F May) C Booth 3-10-2 ... D Dutton — —
30 0UU MENGHAM STAR (B) (C Broomfield) P Hedger 3-10-2 ... M Richards — —
31 00 SUNTAN (M Haigh) P Felgate 3-10-2 ... R Beggan 90 —

1985: KNIGHT'S HEIR 4-11-1 R Chapman (5-4 fav) F Walwyn 12 ran

1.15 CROWLAND NOVICE CHASE (£1,612: 2m 5f) (18 runners)

1 1-33131 BROKEN WING (B,CD) (Furlong Bros Ltd) N Henderson 6-11-6 ... S Smith Eccles ● 99 5-2
2 02-143 LING (BF) (Mrs P W Harris) P W Harris 8-11-1 ... R Stronge 75 12-1
5 0400-44 BURNS LAD (BF) (P Wright) N Lee-Judson 5-10-10 ... S Moore 70 —
7 0 COMPTON BOY (R Clements) C Holmes 10-10-10 ... K Burke — —
8 F COOLOUGHTER (N Roberts) J Webber 5-10-10 ... G Mernagh — —
9 4300/F0 COUNT FREDERICK (J Woolgar) S Dow 6-10-10 ... R Rowe — —
10 1U001-2 CUMREW (B,BF) (N Harris) N Vigors 6-10-10 ... C Cox (4) 86 F9-4
11 00/PPFP DRUMMOND STREET (F Hill) A Moore 7-10-10 ... G Moore — —
14 22/0000 FADA (B) (B Broad) J Bosley 9-10-10 ... M Bosley (4) — —
18 0/111-40 HIGH RENOWN (Dewfresh Mushrooms) J Jenkins 6-10-10 ... S Sherwood — 5-1
19 000/1-00 ICEN (A Guy) J Parkes 8-10-10 ... J J Quinn — —
22 0P LE VULGAN (S Redmond) A Turnell 6-10-10 ... C Brown — —
24 4/0P-00 NEVEROF (J Mandeville) G Gracey 6-10-10 ... J Duggan — —
26 0P30P/P PRINCE FELIX (Mrs L Browning) D Browning 6-10-10 ... R Rowell — —
28 1P0-U40 STICK OF ROCK (E Parker) D Barons 6-10-10 ... P Nicholls 96 7-1
30 002/F03- SWIFT RETORT (G Beccle) T Forster 6-10-10 ... H Davies 85 12-1
33 0/0P0P-3 OUR GRACIE (B Colonan) T Bulgin 7-10-5 ... B de Haan 87 12-1
34 00042-0 PAGE OF GOLD (R Brinkworth) D Gandolfo 6-10-5 ... M Williams — 16-1

1985: Div I: VODKATINI 6-10-10 A Webb (7-4 fav) P Haynes 12 ran

1.45 E B F NOVICE HURDLE QUALIFIER (£1,829: 2m 100yd) (22 runners)

1 11 SIP OF ORANGE (Mrs R Haggie) Jimmy Fitzgerald 4-11-5 ... J J Quinn ● 99 F4-5
3 0 BELLASIS (P Wates) R Gow 5-11-0 ... C Brown 82 —
4 BROXTED SPAR (T Wardle) Mrs J Pitman 5-11-0 ... M Pitman — —
5 BYWAYS BOY (W Hackett) W Hackett 5-11-0 ... M Bastard — —
8 0 DORAYTHYM (Mrs O McFarland) Rex Carter 4-11-0 ... S Woods (7) — —
10 FLEUVE DE SOLEIL (Omar Assi) G Kindersley 4-11-0 ... C Cox (4) — —
13 HICKLETON BOY (R Scholey) R Scholey 4-11-0 ... P Dennis (4) — —
14 44 KING NIMROD (D Graham) N Gaselee 4-11-0 ... Mr P MacEwan (7) 86 8-1
15 KING SEAR (Mrs Y Allsopp) R Dickin 4-11-0 ... C Jones — —
17 4 MAJOR MATCH (Countess of Eglinton & Winton) T Forster 4-11-0 ... H Davies 86 4-1
19 00 MEMBERS' REVENGE (E Young) D Nicholson 5-11-0 ... W Humphreys (7) — —
20 0300P-3 MISTER CHRISTIAN (B) (D Wright) P Haynes 5-11-0 ... A Webb 80 14-1
21 00 MR KIRBY (Mrs B Curley) B Curley 4-11-0 ... D Murphy — —
22 0 OH SO STANLEY (Mrs S Lee) G F Lee 5-11-0 ... D Skyrme (7) — —
23 U-0403 OLD FORD TAVERN (BF) (O Donnelly) J Jenkins 5-11-0 ... S Sherwood 83 10-1
24 0 RANDOM TRAVELLER (A Phelps) Mrs J Pitman 5-11-0 ... B de Haan — —
26 00-30P WHOEVER (P Williams) D Barons 4-11-0 ... P Nicholls 80 —
27 WISE WARRIOR (P H Betts Ltd) J Gifford 5-11-0 ... R Rowe — 5-1
29 P-PF00 BIRD ASH (P Poston) P Poston 4-10-9 ... Mr T Moore (7) — —
31 F FREE CREDIT (T Brown) T Brown 5-10-9 ... R Chapman (4) — —
33 000- HIGHTOWN FONTANA (Hightown Fnce & Bloodstock) R Hodges 5-10-9 ... B Powell — —
34 P/0U0-0 KAYE-WOOD (Mrs M Marston) Mrs M Thomas 6-10-9 ... R Beggan — —

1985: CELTIC FLAME 4-11-0 R Stronge (14-1) P Harris 22 ran

2.15 HARTFORD HANDICAP CHASE (£2,068: 3m) (8 runners)

1 00040P- CARVED OPAL (C) (Mrs G Abecassis) F Winter 8-12-2 ... B de Haan 93 5-1
4 2B40-F1 CERIMAU (D) (M Shone) J Edwards 8-10-12 (4ex) ... D Browne 97 4-1
5 P033-11 CARE (CD) (S Sainsbury) T Forster 10-10-9 (4ex) ... H Davies 98 F3-1
6 221/1- RIGHT CARD (D) (T Clyde) P Bailey 8-10-8 ... S Morshead 86 7-1
7 2240-F2 OVERSWAY (C) (Mrs S Jones) Mrs D Haine 9-10-2 ... S Smith Eccles ● 99 10-1
9 2/P041P- SPRINGWOOD (A Oldrey) G Hartigan 9-10-0 ... S McNeill 86 14-1
10 2214/F3 UP AND DOWN (Mrs G Maxwell) J Gifford 11-10-0 ... R Rowe 79 7-2
11 000F-P POLAR EXPRESS (CD) (W King) W King 11-10-0 ... B Powell 72 16-1

1985: MACOLIVER 7-11-8 B de Haan (15-2) Mrs J Pitman 10 ran

2.45 LONG SUTTON CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS HANDICAP CHASE (£1,646: 2m 200yd) (5 runners)

1 0P-123F PROFESSOR PLUM (Mrs C Mathieson) T Forster 13-12-4 ... W Humphreys ● 99 F5-4
4 020214 MANSTON MARAUDER (M Smith) P Hedger 10-10-11 (4ex) ... Penny Ffitch-Heyes 90 5-2
8 020/041- MOOD MUSIC (S Richards) R Hodges 14-10-5 ... W Irvine 98 5-1
10 0-44P2 PALATINATE (G Hartigan) G Hartigan 8-10-4 ... E Buckley 98 6-1
13 430P-00 SMILING CAVALIER (A Madwar) A Madwar 10-10-0 ... G Landau 94 7-1

1985: LANDING BOARD 7-11-6 C Cox (2-5 fav) P Harris 5 ran

3.15 BISHOPS STORTFORD HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,136: 3m 1f) (25 runners)

1 U0/002-0 DONEGAL PRINCE (J McGonagle) P Kelleway 10-12-7 ... Mr A Kelleway (7) 80 —
3 012-002 HASTY GAMBLE (BF) (L Connell) F Winter 6-11-5 ... B de Haan 86 F4-1
4 PF410-0 END OF ERA (Mrs P Harris) A Moore 8-11-5 ... Candy Moore (4) 84 —
9 13/F4P-0 CATHERINE BRIDGE (Sir K Butt) T Forster 6-10-11 ... H Davies 82 8-1
10 203-110 CRISP (J Levy) C Read 5-10-11 ... M Perrett 85 6-1
11 32F-001 WRITE THE MUSIC (V) (J David Abell) P Felgate 5-10-11 (4ex) ... S Johnson 91 6-1
12 00302/0 CUT 'N DRY (Orthopaedic Bedding) P Bowden 6-10-10 ... R Dennis — —
13 32F340 BALLYWEST (P Axon) R Hodges 8-10-10 ... B Powell 87 —
14 3P0003- ORCHID BAY (B) (R Sims) Mrs J Pitman 9-10-10 ... C Mann 86 10-1
16 2130FP- AIRBORNE DEAL (K Higson) A Moore 7-10-8 ... G Moore 82 —
18 30-0423 KINGTOR (BF) (Southern Racing Ltd) D Barons 5-10-5 ... P Nicholls 84 5-1
20 021000- PREFALAS (P Connolly) K Ivory 6-10-3 ... M Richards ● 99 —
22 10/0000- HEALTH N HAPPINESS (Mrs B Curley) B Curley 7-10-2 ... D Murphy — —
23 0314-04 NEW FARMER (D) (J Price) J Price 4-10-1 ... R Rowe 91 7-1
28 3/000403 ZIPARIB (D) (P Wright) N Lee-Judson 8-10-0 ... — 80 10-1
29 130-022 SHAGAYLE (Mrs J Peach) C J Bell 4-10-0 ... R Beggan 84 7-1
32 044FP-P PREACHER'S GEM (G Bloxham) K Bailey 7-10-0 ... A Jones 82 —
33 1400-00 CAP D'AZURE (I Campbell) I Campbell 6-10-0 ... R Campbell 74 —
34 P-P0030 SIRUNDY (M Groombridge) R Curtis 5-10-0 ... R Goldstein 77 —
35 330/ PRINCE OF KASHMIR (Sir G Brunton) J Sayers 7-10-0 ... C Brown — —
36 100-000 SHUTTLECOCK STAR (A Caton) J Bridger 4-10-0 ... M Kinane 80 —
37 03010-P BIT OF A DANDY (C) (W Gale) J Gifford 5-10-0 ... E Murphy 80 —
38 0P43P1/ LAWRENCE-LEE (R Blackman) G Gracey 9-10-0 ... P Gracey (7) — —
39 30P/342 MISCHIEVOUS JACK (B Byford) B Byford 5-10-0 ... Miss G Armytage (4) 78 —
40 000P-33 DEVIL'S GOLD (M Smallman) R Shepherd 6-10-0 ... Mrs C Smallman 74 —

1985: MOUNT BOLUS 5-11-7 H Davies (4-1 jt-fav) D Oughton 16 ran

Course specialists

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per Cent	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per Cent
J Edwards	5	23	38.5	E Murphy	8	33	24.2
M Ryan	9	38	23.7	S Smith Eccles	29	127	22.8
P Harris	8	40	20.0	P Barton	14	69	20.3
J Gifford	30	155	19.4	H Davies	15	79	19.0
D Gandolfo	12	63	79.0	R Rowe	18	123	14.6
J FitzGerald	5	27	18.5	Only Qualifiers			

Sangster advocates a European Breeders' Cup day

By Michael Seely

Robert Sangster last night called for Europe to attempt to stage its own multi-million dollar Breeders' Cup Day early in September.

Speaking as the owner of Wiganthorpe, the winner of the 1986 Gimcrack Stakes, at the Gimcrack Dinner in York, Sangster suggested holding the big day in early September to avoid clashing with the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe, the Champion Stakes and the important races for two-year-olds in October. He said: "The St Leger would not be affected as one mile six furlong horses are specialists in that department."

Sangster is clearly blessed with a lively imagination and the sport needs men with such energy and drive. But the drawbacks to his scheme are two-fold. In the first place, in any one season, there are only a few horses with true group one status and any attempt to divert them would obviously be harmful to the classics and other group one races. It might disturb the balance of the season.

The other difficulty lies in the funding of a European Breeders' Cup Day. It takes all the enormous resources of the United States to stage their own Breeders' Cup Day and it might well prove beyond the capabilities of Britain, Ireland and France.

Sangster, who recently hit the headlines with his sacking of Michael Dickinson, also claimed that the present system of returning starting prices was antiquated and that the feeding of information into a giant control computer would give a truer picture of the situation.

He said: "At present the SP is a farce. A few hundred racegoers are governing the price for ten thousand betting shops up and down the country. I'm all for the shops remaining in private ownership but they could all have terminals linked to a centralized computer, like they have on racecourses all over the world. Punters could still take those prices and the proprietor would then have the option of sending back the money into the system."

Although some of Sangster's ideas may seem sweeping they must be viewed in the climate of dramatic change in the industry in 1986. New opportunities are waiting to be grasped.

Lord Fairhaven, the Senior Steward of the Jockey Club, making his traditional speech, commented: "Nothing is more important to the racing public than good racing, and that means top horses running in top races, notably such as Dancing Brave."

However, he sounded a cautionary note on top British horses contesting big foreign prizes, saying: "There are signs that our own autumn programme is losing quality as a result. The danger is that more and more horses will be aimed at a lucrative American campaign, or the Japan Cup, at the expense of our own big races. The number of horses involved in trans-Atlantic travel is still small, but they are among our champions."

He also warned against possible rowdyism. He said: "It is deeply disturbing to me to witness or to read about drunken behaviour on our racecourses. We have also had streakers and delicacy prevents me from describing the act perpetrated at Cartmel by a young lady during the summer. Suffice it to say that Phil Tuck found it difficult to sit down for a few days."

Floyd heads Ladbroke weights

Floyd, the emphatic winner of the Bula Hurdle at Cheltenham on Saturday, has been allotted top weight of 12 stone in the IR£50,000 Ladbroke, Europe's richest handicap hurdle, at Leopardstown on January 10.

English-trained horses occupy six of the top seven places in the handicap with Floyd followed by Corporal Clinger (11-12), River Ceiriog (11-12), Humberside Lady (11-7), Tom Sharp (11-6) and I Bin Zaidoon (11-5).

Results from two meetings

Sedgefield

Going: good to soft

12.15 (2m 4f ch) 1, **ALKEPA** (M Hammond, 5-6 fav); 2, **Innocent John** (M Dwyer, 5-1); 3, **Soldby** (L Wyer, 5-1). ALSO RAN: 5 Tartan Torchlight (4th), 12 Jupiter Prince, 14 Mighty Mark (pu), 16 Perfect Image (5th), 25 East Park (6th), Echo Beach, Millstreak. 10 ran. 7l, 1l, 10l, 12l, 2l. G Moore at Middleham. Tote: £2.50; £1.10, £1.60, £3.30. DF: £3.50. CSF: £7.09.

12.45 (2m hdle) 1, **ALWAYS NATIVE** (P Niven, 20-1); 2, **Domaness** (Mr M Thompson, 33-1); 3, **Nipknowes** (R Marley, 4-1). ALSO RAN: 100-30 jt-favs Armitage (4th), Jalome (f), 4 Reel Guilt (f), 6 Philly Athletic (bd), 8 Game Track (5th), 12 Gladyer Inn (pu), 33 Johnny Frenchman, Drovers Road (6th), Hua Saucy (pu), Jayel Lady. 13 ran. 1½l, 15l, 12l, 25l, 25l. D Chapman at Easingwold. Tote: £22.60; £4.90, £7.70, £1.40. DF: £4.00 (1st or 2nd with any other horse). CSF: £482.05. No bid.

1.15 (3m 600yd ch) 1, **BEAU LYON** (K Jones, 25-1); 2, **Mr Baker** (C Grant, 11-4); 3, **Suny Me** (P Dennis, 8-1). ALSO RAN: 9-4 fav Casa Knipe (ur), 11-4 Beau n' Idol (f), 11 Royal Camit (4th), 25 Historic House (bd), Be Free (5th). 8 ran. NR: Clonroche Steam. ¾l, 2½l, 30l, 6l. D Lamb at Seahouses. Tote: £28.40; £5.40, £1.40, £2.00. DF: £214.40. CSF: £86.99.

1.45 (2m 4f ch) 1, **BARTINAS STAR** (M Dwyer, 2-7 fav); 2, **Lucky Fen** (C Grant, 9-1); 3, **Swop Shop** (D Wilkinson, 6-1). ALSO RAN: 14 Another Gear (pu), 16 Karis Cherry (6th), 25 Dantes Tree (pu), Keep Dreaming (4th), 50 Auchencruve (pu), Noble Legend (5th). 9 ran. NR: Ocras. 20l, 3l, 20l, dist. not recorded. Jimmy Fitzgerald at Malton. Tote: £1.50; £1.10, £1.40, £2.20. DF: £2.30. CSF: £4.96.

2.15 (2m ch) 1, **READYTOKEN** (C Grant, 7-1); 2, **Bessacarr Boy** (P Tuck, 12-1); 3, **Auckland Express** (Mr M Thompson, 25-1). ALSO RAN: 5-2 fav Borleefras, 3 The Wilk, 7 Penny's Dream (pu), 8 Welsh Spirit (ur), 10 Bright Imp (5th), 12 The Cider And Bun (4th), 16 Gennaro (f), 25 Golden Tupence, 50 Lakeland Lad (f), Neon (f), Kelsey Lady (pu), Miss Woody (6th). 15 ran. 10l, 12l, 10l, 3l, 7l. A Smith at Beverley. Tote: £7.40; £2.50, £4.20, £12.50. DF: £21.10. CSF: £87.72.

2.45 (2m hdle) 1, **BELLA BANUS** (R Lamb, 16-1); 2, **Sir Jest** (K Jones, 20-1); 3, **Tactico** (J K Kinane, 25-1). ALSO RAN: 5-4 fav August (bd), 7-2 Gouverno (5th), 5 Sister Claire (f), 16 Grey Card, 25 Fenchurch Colony, Ginger Beer (4th), Tolly's Tonic, Treyarnon (pu), 33 Fencallina, 50 Lyrical Palm, Sarpal (6th), Trevello, Certain Melody, Lighter Shade. 18 ran. hd, 2½l, 4l, 5l, 8l. W A Stephenson at Bishop Auckland. Tote: £19.00; £3.50, £4.10, £13.90. DF: £175.80. CSF: £294.99.

3.15 (2m 4f hdle) 1, **SECRET FINALE** (R Earnshaw, 5-1 fav); 2, **Night Guest** (D Nolan, 13-2); 3, **Doughty Rebel** (P Tuck, 10-1); 4, **Canal Stick** (Mr J Walton, 15-2). ALSO RAN: 6 Tower Hope, 15-2 Jay Ellie Thew, 10 Chipchase, 14 Trotteros, 16 Rampant (5th), Burn Walk (pu), 20 Adare, Burley Hill Lad, 25 Cool Andy, 33 Golden Secret (6th), River Rambler, Joca, Burley Brake, Kersil, Tiema's Pet (pu). 19 ran. NR: Duke Of Dollis. 2½l, 7l, 7l, 6l, nk. J Johnson at Crook. Tote: £4.40; £1.60, £1.90, £2.90, £3.00. DF: £7.00. CSF: £33.28. Tricast: £220.00. Mcgillicuddy (10-1) was withdrawn, not under orders — Rule 4 applies to all bets, deduction 10p in pound.

Placepot: £644.45

Plumpton

Going: soft

1.0 (3m 1f ch) 1, **STEEL YEOMAN** (R Rowe, 4-1); 2, **Tea Below** (M Kinane, 5-2 fav); 3, **Valami** (Mrs N Ledger, 66-1). ALSO RAN: 11-2 Delator (pu), 9 Colonel Christy (su), Mr Candy (4th), 20 Dr Pepper, Mercy Lese (pu), Mount Feddane (6th), Southdown Spirit (5th), 25 Answer To Prayer (ref), 33 Bee Orchid (pu), 100 Poor Excuse (pu). 13 ran. 6l, ½l, 30l, 6l, 1½l. J Gifford at Findon. Tote: £5.60; £3.10, £1.70, £8.00. DF: £8.40. CSF: £12.55. Tricast: £491.24.

1.30 (2m hdle) 1, **KEYNES** (S Sherwood, 4-1); 2, **None Too Dear** (G Bradley, 6-5 fav); 3, **Polynor** (J McLaughlin, 14-1). ALSO RAN: 11-2 Road To Kells (4th), 13-2 Canuck Clown (bd), 16 Island Exile (f), 25 Namoos (5th), Virginia Pageant (pu), 50 Another Bing, Duke Of Cambridge, Film Consultant (6th), Marsoom Mr McGregor, Sherwood Forest, Sprite And Malice (pu), Ravenscrag, Whistley Maid (pu). 17 ran. NR: Dem An Doze. 2l, dist, 5l, 1½l, 1½l. J Jenkins at Epsom. Tote: £5.20; £1.90, £1.10, £3.10. DF: £4.50. CSF £9.07.

2.0 (2m ch) 1, **OUR WHITE HART** (C Cox, 12-1); 2, **Airwair** (B Powell, 5-1); 3, **Cantorial** (Mr M Armytage, 25-1). ALSO RAN: 7-2 fav My Son My Son (f), 9-2 Lucky Gold (6th), 8 Mischievous Monk (f), 12 Dark Comic, Fledge (bd), Folkland (f), 14 Windrush Song (f), 20 Remainder Wyn (5th), 33 Hardbridge (f), Palmerston (4th), Arnagh Glow (f), Gables Flight (f). 15 ran. ¾l, dist, 10l, 12l, 15l. N Vigors at Upper Lambourn. Tote: £13.30; £2.60, £2.00, £6.40. DF: £43.20. CSF: £67.06.

2.30 (2m hdle) 1, **SOME MOOR** (W Irvine, 7-1); 2, **Ribble Star** (Leisa Burnham, 25-1); 3, **Teme Duchess** (Candy Moore, 5-1). ALSO RAN: 4 fav Blair's Winnie (pu), 11-2 Shared Joke, 6 Black Spout (5th), 7 Master Pepper (pu), 15-2 Yazeed, 14 Gale Boy (4th), 20 Full Of Speed (6th), 25 Quality Square (pu), 33 Touch Of Rhythm. 12 ran. NR: Tinoco, Gold Creek. 4l, hd, 8l, 2l, 5l. R Hodges at Somerton. Tote: £7.20; £2.20, £6.60, £1.50. DF: £498.80. CSF: £144.21. Tricast: £875.05. Bought in 950 gns.

3.0 (2m 4f ch) 1, **FRENCH CAPTAIN** (M Kinane, 5-2 fav); 2, **Clear The Course** (H Davies, 4-1); 3, **Aughra Boura** (E McKinley, 9-2). ALSO RAN: 11-4 Mastradee (f), 15-2 Castle Talbot (4th), 66 Weaverslake (pu). 6 ran. NR: Greenore Pride. 25l, 2l, 5l. Lady Herries at Littlehampton. Tote: £3.30; £1.60, £2.10. DF: £4.80. CSF: £11.21.

3.30 (2m hdle) 1, **METMAN** (B de Haan, 11-10 fav); 2, **Capistrano Prince** (R Rowe, 9-1); 3, **Bluecher** (R Goldstein, 5-1). ALSO RAN: 8 Sparkler Spirit (4th), 10 Mrshrif (6th), Sam Carlos (5th), 12 Mr Key, 50 Courageous Charger. 8 ran. 1½l, 20l, 8l, 1½l, 5l. Mrs J Pitman at Upper Lambourn. Tote: £2.20; £1.40, £2.10, £1.70. DF: £10.20. CSF: £10.81

Placepot: £56.55.

ROWING

New blood favoured in ARA's scheme

By Jim Railton

The cliché "come in number eight, your time is up" could become a reality by October next year when the Amateur Rowing Association (ARA) membership scheme is introduced. The ARA council yesterday decided on how the registration scheme will affect individuals and how income might be generated.

The ARA sensibly decided by a majority vote on a scheme that will help newcomers to the sport and juniors. But to achieve this, club and regatta affiliation fees must be retained, although the regatta levy ceases with the introduction of registration. The annual registration fees for rowers and scullers will be: seniors £14.30; juniors £8.00; beginners with no status in their first year £5.00 while occasional rowers can buy a day ticket for £3. VAT must be added to all these fees.

The new system will enable the ARA to have more control of their sport (everyone will have a number) and at last provide accountable figures of numbers of participants to the Sports Council and hopefully interested sponsors. The scheme will also demonstrate to the Sports Council that the ARA are pursuing ways of raising money from within the sport before looking for handouts. It is the only way forward.

BOBSLEIGHING

Jury pass the buck on sledges

From Chris Moore
Winterberg

The question of whether the East Germans will be allowed to use their controversial two-man sledges in next month's World Championships will be decided by the praesidium of the Federation of International Bobsleighing and Tobogganning in Vienna this weekend.

The World Cup jury in Winterberg opted for the only way out of the wrangle yesterday by passing the buck following the eight-nation protest here last weekend. But it promises to provide the sport's governing body with one of their most difficult problems.

Gion Caviezel, the Swiss coach of the British team and one of the technical advisers for the FIBT, summed it up when he said: "I am just glad that, on this occasion, I will not be involved in making the final decision. If you go by the written rules, the sled looks legal. But according to the technical drawings, it is not. So I do not know how the praesidium are going to reach a verdict."

Some of the heat was taken out of the situation yesterday when the East Germans unveiled their new four-man sledge. Unlike the smaller version, it has a conventional rear axle and there are no complaints about it being used today at the Veltins Cup.

POWERBOATING

World Series Formula I is cancelled

By a Correspondent

The International Formula I organization announced yesterday the cancellation of the 1987 Formula I Powerboat World Series. This was not entirely unexpected as the series had already been reduced from 12 worldwide events in 1985 to seven, all held in the United States, this year.

The manufacturers of the outboards used in the class, Johnson and Evinrude V8 3.6 litre motors, have supported Formula I ever since 1981. They hoped to attract other companies as sponsors for the televised series next year. With little interest shown, they chose not to continue their own support for the races.

The next class in the world governing body classifications, Formula Grand Prix, hope to adopt the Formula I title. They have a 13 event series planned for 1987 throughout Europe, the United States and Asia. Current Formula I drivers are likely to move into this category of racing, powered by Mercury 2 litre outboards, producing an average field of more than 25 competitors for each event.

FOR THE RECORD

BASKETBALL

EUROPEAN CUP WINNERS' CUP: Men's quarter-final group: Istanbul: Istanbul (Turk) bt Scavolini Pesaro (It), 87-64. Moscow: CSKA Moscow (USSR) bt Villeurbanne (Fr), 102-53.

ETON FIVES

NAT WEST COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP: Second round: Derbyshire 0, Hertfordshire 3; Kent 2, Suffolk 1; Leicestershire 0, Berkshire 3; Middlesex 3, Worcestershire 0; Oxfordshire 0, Warwickshire 3; Shropshire 1, Essex 2; Staffordshire 3, Buckinghamshire 0; Yorkshire 0, Hampshire 3.

FOOTBALL

FOOTBALL COMBINATION: Millwall 2, QPR 1, Fulham 1, Reading 3.
SOUTHERN LEAGUE: Bill Dellow Cup: First round: Postponed: Trowbridge v Poole.
Monday's late results
FREIGHT ROVER TROPHY: Preliminary round: Stockport 0, Carlisle 1.
KNIGHT FLOODLIT COMPETITION: Stevenage Borough 1, Harlow 3.
STAFFORDSHIRE SENIOR CUP: Northwich Victoria 3, Stoke 1.
GMAC CUP: First round replay: Bognor 5, Farnborough 2. Second round: Stafford 2, Morecambe 2.
VAUXHALL-OPEL LEAGUE: Premier division: Dulwich 0, Carshalton 1. Postponed: Walthamstow v Bromley.
FA YOUTH CUP: Second round: Croydon 0, Crystal Palace 2.
MIDDLESEX SENIOR CUP: First round replay: Wealdstone 4, Hampton 2.

RUGBY UNION

HAMPSHIRE CUP: Third round: Basingstoke 30, Trojans 12; Eastleigh 22, Bromley 7; Gosport 10, US Portsmouth 17; Southampton 12, Isle of Wight 6.
SCHOOLS MATCHES: George Watson's College 3, Merchiston Castle 22; Chebbear 10, Monkton Coombe 8.

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YACHTING

Crusader's challenge fades as Cudmore is pushed to the limit

From Keith Wheatley, Fremantle

The White Crusader has only a remote chance of qualifying for the America's Cup semi-finals after being defeated by America II in winds of more than 30 knots. But the British syndicate have no intention of going down without a fight.

"It means a difficult run of victories in the last four days," Harry Cudmore, the Crusader skipper, conceded after the race against America II. "But mathematically it's feasible so we shall not give up until it's impossible." Crusader's crew were depressed at the way things had gone but not despondent. "We've got a strong-minded group of people," Cudmore said. "The reaction was to get back to business tomorrow (today is a lay-day for challengers). That's their strength."

The race went America II's way from the start. White Crusader had trouble hoisting her heavy-weather genoa in the period after the 10-minute gun and John Kolius, America II's skipper, was able to cross the line 12 seconds ahead and choose his own position. At this point it was blowing a steady 28 knots from SSW. The seas, wind-driven chop on top of an overnight swell, were reaching 7ft. It was at the margins of safety for racing 12-metres.

"Today's conditions were at the limit and were okay," Cudmore said. "But anything more than that would not be sensible. You risk injury or losing someone." But what it did create was a situation where something was going to break for someone and – true to past ill-fortune – it was White Crusader that suffered a gear failure to put her out of the race. This time it was a clip holding the spinnaker to the halyard.

America II stayed about half-a-minute ahead on the first five legs, with Kolius being content to cover rather than struggle to increase his lead. "We jumped Harry on the start line and then covered like crazy," said Kolius later. "We're in a position where we couldn't make too many errors."

Until this race America II were uncertain of a place in the semi-finals and the race meant as much to them as it did to the British. The first beat saw a tight tacking duel with more than 30 tacks on the three-mile work. Kolius is, however, nothing if not a helmsman who covers. At the top mark he was 31 seconds in front and that margin did not change by more than six seconds for the next four legs.

Up the third beat the British boat, fighting to stay in the competition, tried every sailing combination known to Cudmore's brain. It worked, but not enough. At the top mark the margin was down to 13 seconds and as they rounded it the British afterguard made a gybe set, daring in the 32-knot breeze, and set off down the left side of the course. Kolius was off to starboard and was right.

It was during a gybe down this run that the spinnaker on White Crusader parted company with the halyard. The flailing kite wrapped itself tightly around the forestay and had to be cut away with a knife. "By the time we had a genoa out and hoisted, Kolius was away and gone," Cudmore said.

Asked whether the incident was typical of the breakages and mishaps that seemed to have dogged the British campaign, Cudmore was equivocal. "Clips which work perfectly at Newport year after year start parting in 32 knots," he said. "We've calculated the loads but you have to sail day after day down here to know the stress factors and when to replace things.

"The people at the top of the points table have, without exception, sailed longer down here or elsewhere together. We thought we'd worked things out but in a 12-metre campaign they have a habit of catching up with you. Out of the hundreds of items on a boat there will be one or two that catch up with you at crucial times. It's probably been due to lack of time and experience sailing down here."

At the penultimate mark America II was 55 seconds in front and at the finish it was a victory to the New York Yacht Club by one minute and 47 seconds. Since the British and the NYYC kept the America's Cup to themselves for so many years since the first race between them in 1851, it was, perhaps, fitting that White Crusader's coup de grâce should come from the old enemy.

By winning her four remaining races and the top opponents losing all of theirs, White Crusader might scrape into the final four but as Cudmore said yesterday morning: "If we don't win this one we might as well go home." And they didn't.

DEFENDER SERIES RESULTS: Third round: Seventh day (subject to protest): Kookaburra III bt Australia IV, retired; Steak 'n' Kidney bt Kookaburra II, 2min 08sec.

DEFENDER STANDINGS

	W	L	Pts
Kookaburra III	24	3	47
Australia IV	20	7	39
Kookaburra II	16	11	28
Steak 'n' Kidney	3	24	9

CHALLENGER SERIES RESULTS: Third round: Sixth day: Heart of America bt Eagle, 3min 57sec; New Zealand bt Italia, 3:30; White Crusader bt Canada II, 3:55; French Kiss bt Challenge France, retired; America II bt Azzurra, 1:49; USA bt Stars and Stripes, 0:42. Seventh day (subject to protest): USA bt Canada II, 5:39; New Zealand bt Azzurra, 6:08; Stars and Stripes bt Eagle, 10:11; America II bt White Crusader, 1:47; French Kiss bt Heart of America, 10:10; Italia bt Challenge France, withdrawn.

CHALLENGER STANDINGS

	W	L	Pts
New Zealand	29	1	150
French Kiss	19	11	117
Stars and Stripes	23	7	106
America II	24	6	104
USA	20	10	103
White Crusader	19	11	91
Canada II	14	16	87
Italia	14	16	83
Heart of America	9	21	61
Eagle	9	21	36
Azzurra	3	27	11

Withdrawn: Challenge France.

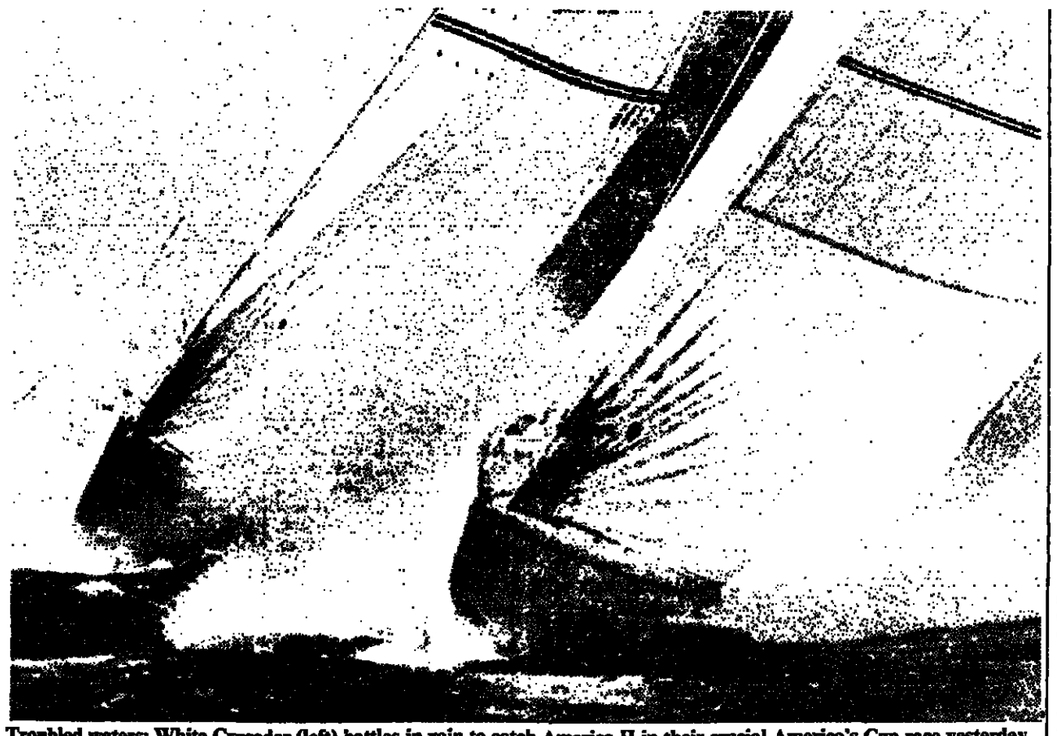
TODAY'S RACES: Australia IV v Kookaburra II; Kookaburra III v Steak 'n' Kidney.

Rivals hold all the aces

White Crusader has four races remaining (Keith Wheatley writes). One is a bye (Challenge France having pulled out) and the remainder against New Zealand, Stars and Stripes and Heart of America.

Form renders it unlikely but not impossible that Britain beats Conner and the Kiwis. However, for that to get White Crusader into the final four, America II would have to lose two of her final races – one of them against USA.

That victory by the fifth boat, USA, in turn makes it easier for them to take the fourth place. In short, two boats that have been sailing well – America II and USA – would need to have an unprecedented run of defeats for White Crusader to squeeze past them.



Troubled waters: White Crusader (left) battles in vain to catch America II in their crucial America's Cup race yesterday

TENNIS: BECKER ROCKED BACK ON HIS HEELS BY POWERFUL GROUND STROKES

No doubt about Lendl's abilities

From Richard Evans, New York

On a night Boris Becker will want to forget, Ivan Lendl stamped his stern personality all over the Nabisco Masters with a near-flawless exhibition of power serving to win the title for the fourth time, 6-4, 6-4, 6-4.

Becker, distraught throughout much of the match but calm and cool-headed afterwards, said: "I wanted to win too much."

Lendl, of course, wanted to win just as badly but at 26 he was competing in his seventh Madison Square Garden final and, emotionally as well as physically, he is an athlete in his prime.

Becker, a fabulous shot maker who may ultimately become the better player, is still learning how best to utilize his talent on those occasions when the body does not receive the brain's messages fast enough.

Mobility has always been his greatest problem which is why his manager, Ion Tiriac, has him running up and down mountains during training weeks. A little tired, perhaps, after an exhausting autumn programme, Becker found bad habits returning as Lendl's powerful ground strokes rocked him back on his heels and the West German, aged 19, could never discover the forward momentum required to dominate an opponent of this class.

Fighting his way out of five break points in the third game of the match, Becker was somewhat fortunate to be leading 4-3 on serve but two double faults in the ninth game proved fatal. Having secured the initial breakthrough, Lendl simply got better and better.

In the end the Czechoslovak relinquished only 12 points on his serve in the entire match. Only once did Becker manage to get as far as deuce on his opponent's serve.

Unable to attack the net against a player who was serving at 110 mph and hitting deep with sweet, smooth precision whenever back court rallies developed, Becker found himself having to dig out a series of low bouncing, sliced backhands on a slow Supreme court and frequently erred.

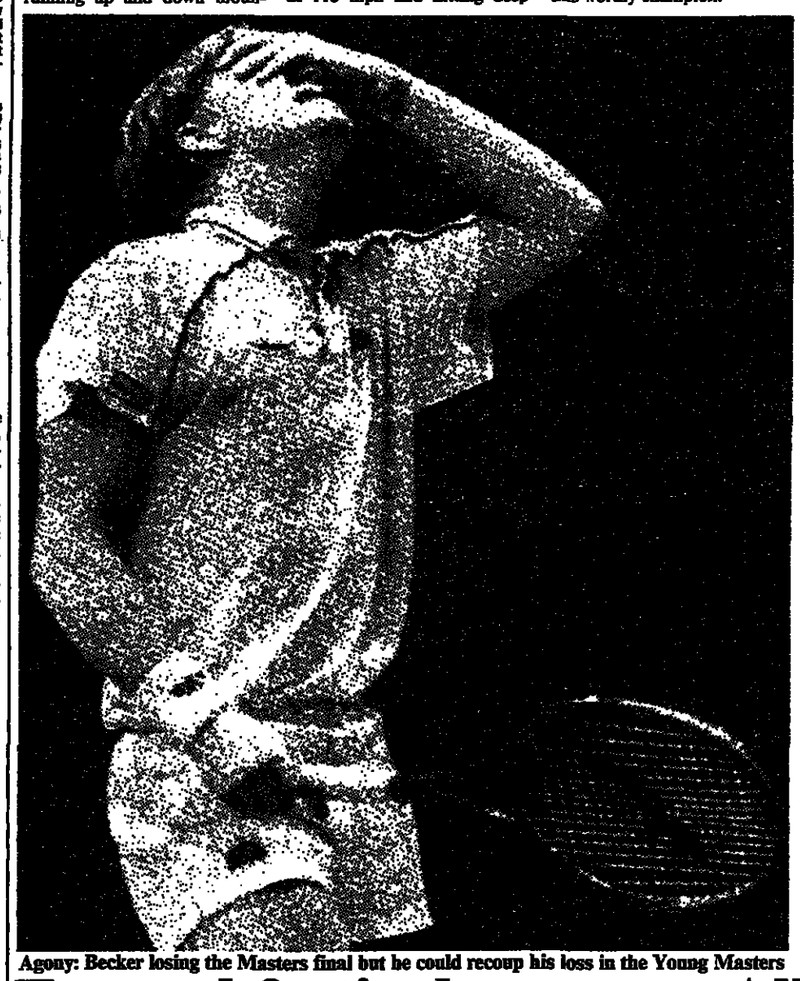
Crying out in anguish and tearing his hair in frustration, Becker received a warning for infringing the no-coaching rule the first time he so much as glanced at Tiriac and his coach, Günther Bosch. But the warning was unnecessary. He was beyond help. So although Becker finishes the year with a 3-2 winning record over Lendl, the question of who is the number one player in the world is not in dispute.

Becker graciously admitted that himself for Lendl has the French and US Open titles and the Masters to stack up against his rival's Wimbledon crown. A year in which he suffered both illness and injury still proved to be enormously rewarding for this worthy champion.

In addition to the $210,000 he won for his efforts here at the Garden, Lendl also received a cheque for $800,000 for finishing top of the Nabisco bonus pool. In one night he became a millionaire all over again.

"It feels great to be healthy again," said Lendl, who may actually have benefitted from time off because of a hip problem. "I don't think this was my best match but I competed better. And all those people who were suggesting Becker should be number one will have to wait a while now."

But in three weeks' time a new year dawns and the Australian Open is already occupying Lendl's thoughts. He is taking his Australian coach, Tony Roche, to Florida for two weeks' practise on grass courts before Christmas. Lendl sees the Australian title as a vital part of his preparation for gaining the confidence he needs to attain his primary goal – Wimbledon.



Agony: Becker losing the Masters final but he could recoup his loss in the Young Masters

Becker in line for third title

From a Correspondent
Stuttgart

Boris Becker, the two-time Wimbledon champion but beaten finallist in this week's New York Masters, will be competing here this week for his third consecutive victory at the Young Masters tournament, which commences today.

Becker, aged 19 and ranked number two in the world, is clear favourite in the field of 16 players aged 21 and under. It was this event that catapulted him to prominence in its inaugural year, in January, 1985, at Birmingham.

Becker, then 17, beat Sweden's Stefan Edberg in a five-set final. He won Wimbledon six months later.

In West Berlin last January, Becker defeated another Swede, Mats Wilander, in the final. Wilander is now 22, and no longer eligible.

Edberg, who is 20, has chosen not to return this year, as he and his partner, Anders Jarryd, are the defending champions in this week's Masters doubles championship in London.

Becker's strongest challenge still looks likely to come from Sweden, of whom there are five in the tournament, including Kent Carlsson, the second seed, who is ranked 14 in the world.

The 16 competitors are divided into four groups under a round robin format. The winner of each group goes through to the straight elimination semi-finals.

The winner will take US$30,000 (£21,000) from the prize pool of $150,000.

SQUASH RACKETS

Relentless Jahangir overhauls Kenyon

Karachi (Reuter) – Jahangir Khan, of Pakistan, overcame a determined early challenge by Phil Kenyon to win the Pakistan Masters tournament yesterday.

Jahangir, beaten just once since April 1981, looked slightly vulnerable at one game all and 2-1 down in the third. But his unflagging brilliance proved too much for his rival, who was unable to win another point.

The former world champion finished the match a 9-2, 5-9, 9-2, 9-0 victor to claim his fifth successive crown.

Kenyon was swept away in the opening game but found his best form at 3-0 down in the second. Varying the pace cleverly and constantly, he forced errors from the title holder.

Kenyon took an early lead in the third but could not press home his advantage from 2-1. Upset by the referee's decision to call a let, rather than awarding him a point, he lost his concentration and Jahangir took command.

Jahangir, who lost his world title to Ross Norman, of New Zealand, last month, took the third game with six points in a row and swiftly wrapped up the fourth.

Yesterday's meeting was the latest in a seven-year pursuit of the world No 1 by Kenyon, aged 30, from Buckinghamshire. They first met in the 1979 world amateur final in Australia. In the 1983 world championship in New Zealand, Kenyon was credited with the distinction of being the only player to amass more than eight points against the young master.

Show of temper is costly

By Colin McQuillan

Ahmed Tahir, an 18-year-old from Cairo, is plainly another in the long line of elegant Egyptian strokeplayers to have enriched squash for half a century. These days Tahir, the junior and senior champion of his country, lives in Manchester, playing fourth string for Arrow Village in the American Express Premier League.

He has power, speed, extraordinary deftness of touch at the front wall – and complete lack of understanding about the idiosyncratic control of English referees.

That last characteristic, combined with yesterday's fiery show of temper, cost the Egyptian a possible victory over Robert Graham, England's junior captain, and presented Cannons, 4-1 winners, with a vital point in the race for the leadership of the national league.

At one game all and 3-3 in the third, Tahir appeared to have every chance of taking another point from the London side. He was gradually gaining the ascendency when three "no-let" calls from the referee, Gordon Ross, and an over-eager, double bounce, call from the marker, Ted Crispin, destroyed his concentration.

The calls were typical of Ross, who demands that players make every effort to reach the ball, but they undoubtedly broke the rhythm of a crucial game.

RESULTS: InterCity Cannons 4, Arrow Village 1: R Norman bt M Helal, 9-3, 9-2, 9-6; J Hickox lost to J La Lievre, 9-6, 7-9, 9-7, 8-10, 8-10; D Lee bt P Wickenden, 9-5, 9-1, 9-2; R Graham bt A Tahir, 9-3, 5-9, 9-7, 9-0; I Robinson bt J Clark, 9-7, 9-4, 9-4.

A yawning gap on television

By Barry Pickthall

Billion Dollar Challenge, the second of three documentaries covering the America's Cup, shown on BBC1 last night, highlighted a major problem faced by many television companies attempting to cover this huge sailing jamboree – a desperate lack of action-packed footage.

Thirty-knot winds, huge breaking swells and boats that are continually breaking gear, losing crewmen overboard and colliding with each other should make good television. And, Down Under, it does, with mass-media coverage of the races mirroring the TV revolution Kerry Packer's World Series served up for cricket buffs.

Here, in Britain, coverage of this five-month-long series has produced, to date, little more than a yawn – even from salt-crusted sailors – though last week's titanic battle between the all-conquering New Zealanders and Dennis Conner's *Stars and Stripes* injected some promise into Channel 4's weekly programme, *The Great Australian Boat Race*, on Saturday.

The problem is not so much footage, but the rights to the Australian film, which are under the control of Mark McCormack's International Management Group.

This high-powered sports management company, which moved in quickly to secure the advertising, merchandising and TV rights almost immediately after Alan Bond had seized the Cup from the New York Yacht Club, has worked to restrict coverage of the event only to rights-holders, threatening legal action against any TV companies who wish to produce their own footage.

ITV bosses bit the bullet – even though IMG's legal claim to rights on all that happens on the waters off Fremantle remains open to question. The BBC resisted and, as a result, they are frozen out from receiving the best film coverage for both news and features.

"By rights, this Australian coverage should be available everywhere in the world, but, in reality, the footage is being seen by no more than a few million outside Australia," one television spokesman said yesterday. "As a result, Perth is losing much of its publicity value, and the major sponsors are getting disgruntled."

Last night's *World About Us* film was booyed up by Ian Wooldridge's excellent commentary, but those who switched on to watch the sailing will doubtless have been disappointed by the feeble glimpses, which took up little more than 10 minutes of the 50-minute programme – none of it a patch on the Australian product.

Right spice for Steak 'n' Kidney

No one could be more embarrassed than its designer, Peter Cole, by the sudden change of fortunes of his 12-metre Steak 'n' Kidney, the much-maligned Australian defence challenger representing the Eastern States which won its third race yesterday, this time against Kookaburra II (Barry Pickthall writes).

Having failed to take the winning gun in 20 races, everyone expected this boat to retire quietly from the series at the end of this current round-robin trials.

Instead, it came out and thrashed South Australia by a five-minute margin in its first match, before giving Alan Bond's crew on Australia IV a major fright last week and capturing Kookaburra II's scalp yesterday.

This dramatic turn-around has resulted, not from the chain-saw surgery given to Britain's White Crusader in a last-ditch effort to win a vital place in the semi-finals, but from a simple change of keel.

Before the swap, Syd Fischer, the syndicate head, who has bank-rolled this defence challenge personally to the tune of about £3.3 million was less than happy with his purchase.

"You promised me a fast boat," the disgruntled hotel chain owner thundered down the phone at Dr Peter Van Oossanen, head of research at the ship model basin where Ben Lexcen's Cup winner Australia II was groomed. "What's gone wrong," he questioned.

The Dutch scientist was just as perplexed. The Cole design had been tank tested with two different keels and proved to be significantly faster than Australia's earlier winner.

The answer came at the end of October when Dr van Oossanen took a close look at the boat in Fremantle. "But that's the slow keel we tested, not the fast one," the scientist exclaimed, leaving Cole to explain how he could have got the two designs muddled up.

"Syd just hit the roof," a close aid recalls. "If Cole had any money, he would have sued him for every cent."

With time fast running out before the start of the second series of trials, Dr van Oossanan and Cole could only work on a stop-gap replacement, re-modelling the existing keel into a more efficient shape before working on the new foil that has transformed Steak 'n' Kidney's performance in this final round before the semi-final cut.

"Improvements in keel design have made up 70 per cent of the advancements in this Cup series," Dr Van Oossanen said yesterday while working on new keels for both Australia IV and Kookaburra III at his test tank facilities in The Netherlands.

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RUGBY UNION

London's club plans begin to take shape

London, the last of England's four divisions to decide upon their structure for next season's club championship, announced yesterday the shape, if not the content, of their contribution to the new competition.

Metropolitan Police and Maidstone, belying their junior status, have been nominated to National League Three, while Askeans, Havant, Sidcup, Southend, Streatham/Croydon and Sudbury are nominated to the South Area League.

Below that level, London League One will be supported by London Two North and South. Thereafter, London League Three draw on teams in four area leagues: Surrey/Hampshire, Kent/Sussex, Eastern Counties and Middlesex/Herts.

Fag-end festival comes to Albert Hall

By Rex Bellamy, Tennis Correspondent

The Wimbledon champions, Joachim Nystrom and Mats Wilander, and the champions of France, John Fitzgerald and Tomas Smid, are among the eight teams who will compete in the Nabisco Masters Doubles at the Albert Hall from this morning until Sunday afternoon. The event will be played in two groups of four on an all-play-all basis until Saturday's semi-finals.

For the first time this popular doubles-only festival – inaugurated by the Texas-based World Championship Tennis Organization at Montreal in 1973 – has been merged with the less successful doubles event that was tacked onto the grand prix Masters tournament in 1975 and swiftly became little more than a sideshow.

As a consequence of the merger, the Albert Hall event has become the official doubles climax of the year-long grand prix circuit and has been shunted into December, the logical month for it. The first six WCT doubles tournaments were played in North America in May and the next eight in Britain in January.

Teams qualify for the Albert Hall on the basis of their records in the year's grand prix tournaments. Two partnerships qualified but will not compete. They were Peter Fleming and John McEnroe (the latter's suspension coincides with his desire for a break from competition) and Ken Flach and Robert Seguso, who has a bad knee.

The next team in line, Boris Becker and Slobodan Zivojinovic, are not available because Becker is playing in the concurrent Waterford Crystal "Young Masters" tournament in Stuttgart. Such clashes demonstrate the need for a neutral, independent fixture-making body: but do not much matter at this time of year because there are more than enough good players to "staff" December's small entry events.

One group at the Albert Hall, in the order of their grand prix points standings, consists ofNystrom and Wilander, Guy Forget and Yannick Noah, Sergio Casal and Emilio Sanchez, and Gary Donnelly and Mike DePalmer. The other consists of Hans Gildermeister and Andres Gomez, Stefan Edberg and Anders Jarryd, Fitzgerald and Smid, and Christo Steyn and Dannie Visser.

The teams plugging gaps in the draw include Fitzgerald and Smid, who have won two grand slam titles: those of the United States in 1984 and France this year.

Today's programme, beginning at 11 o'clock, will be Fitzgerald and Smid v Steyn and Visser, Casal and Sanchez v Donnelly and DePalmer and, (from 6 o'clock onwards) Nystrom and Wilander v Forget and Noah and Gildermeister and Gomez v Edberg and Jarryd.

One can never be sure how fit and eager players will be for these elitest play-off exhibitions at the fag-end of the year. But doubles tend to be more fun than singles for players and spectators alike: and doubles is the game most people play at club level. The other day a neighbour said it was outrageous that, by comparison with singles, doubles was so badly treated in terms of scheduling prominence, publicity, and prize money. He was looking for an argument but did not get one – because he was right.

SPEEDWAY

Crisis at Wimbledon

Wimbledon, one of the most famous names in British speedway, will fold early in the new year unless they can find a sponsor prepared to plough at least £25,000 into the club.

The London club's death knell rang yesterday in a statement issued by GRA Group, who own Wimbledon Greyhound Stadium – the club's home track.

The statement said: "GRA Group regrets to announce that speedway racing will not be staged at Wimbledon Stadium in 1987 unless an assurance of substantial sponsorship has been received by January 8 at the latest."

Founded in 1928, Wimbledon's heyday came in the 1950's when they dominated British speedway. But their fortunes have been on the wane in recent years and two years ago they dropped down to the National League.

Their decline has been matched by a fall in attendances. The team manager, Cyril Maidment, was pessimistic about the chances of a sponsor coming forward in time. "They must be very slim. We are talking about £25,000 for a season," he said.

SKIING

Back on a crash course

Val D'Isère (Reuter) – Women racers yesterday returned here to the World Cup downhill track on which the Austrian teenager, Christine Putz, was nearly killed last year.

Putz returned to skiing, despite spending 19 days in a coma after crashing at 60mph, but she will miss the two downhills, scheduled for Friday and Saturday, with torn knee ligaments, sustained in pre-season training.

Pam Ann Fletcher, of the United States, who came to grief at almost the same spot as Putz 12 months ago, returned in style by clocking the fifth fastest time of the opening practice.

"Oh, my goodness, that was wild!" Fletcher exclaimed, after completing the course, on which she skidded and somersaulted over a safety barrier last year. "I was a little wide today, where I turned that remarkable somersault, but it felt fine."

Heidi Zurbriggen, the Swiss whose brother, Pirmin, won the men's downhill here last Friday, returned the fastest time from a start number of 40 out of 53, though the Canadian team coach, Currie Chapman, race referee for the second year, said some racers appeared haunted by the memory of Putz's crash.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

7.30 unless stated

FOOTBALL

FA CUP
Second round replay
Northampton v Southend

Fourth division
Wrexham v Cambridge

UEFA Cup
Third round, second leg
(First leg scores in brackets)
Barcelona (2) v Bayer Uerdingen (0)
Beveren (1) v Torino (2)
Borussia Mönchengladbach (1) v Rangers (1) (6.30)
Göteborg (1) v Ghent (0)
Hajduk Split (0) v Dundee United (2) (3.30)
Inter Milan (1) v Dukla Prague (0)
Swarovski Tyrol (0) v Spartak Moscow (1)
Vitoria Guimaraes (0) v Groningen (1)

Freight Rover Trophy
Preliminary round
Hereford v Newport
St Quintin University match
Oxford v Cambridge (at Wembley Stadium, 2.15)

FOOTBALL COMBINATION: Charlton v Norwich (Bromley FC, 3.0); Ipswich v Swindon (2.0); Oxford United v Tottenham.

CENTRAL LEAGUE (7.0): First division: Nottingham Forest v Manchester City. **Second division:** Darlington v Notts County (7.30), Doncaster v Grimsby (6.30); Huddersfield v Barnsley (7.30); Scunthorpe v Rotherham; Stoke v Blackpool; York v Bradford (7.30).

GM Acceptance Cup: Second round: South Liverpool v Runcorn.

SOUTHERN LEAGUE: BM Dellow Cup: First round: Coventry Sporting v Mile Oak; Dunstable v Chelmsford. **Midland division:** Leicester United v Buckingham.

VAUXHALL-OPEL LEAGUE: Second division south: Ruislip Manor v Metropolitan Police.

GREAT MILLS WESTERN LEAGUE: Glastonbury v Wimborne.

BUILDING SCENE EASTERN LEAGUE: Stowmarket v Soham Town Rangers. **League Cup: Third round:** Bury Town v Great Yarmouth.

FA YOUTH CUP: Second round: Hednesford v Birmingham City; Orient v Exeter City; Port Vale v Mansfield (7.0).

SOUTHERN JUNIOR FLOODLIT CUP: Third round: Tottenham v Queen's Park Rangers (7.0)

RUGBY UNION

REPRESENTATIVE MATCHES: Bedford v RAF (7.15); *Hampshire v Royal Navy* (at Portsmouth RFC, 2.30).

CLUB MATCHES (7.0): Glamorgan Wanderers v Maesteg (7.15); Newbridge v Abertillery; Pontypool v Llanelli; Swansea v Cardiff.

OTHER SPORT

BASKETBALL (8.0): Men's first division: BCP London v Leicester (at Crystal Palace NSC); British Masters: Regional round: Lambeth v Hemel and Watford, Swindon v Plymouth.

BOXING: Greenwich Borough Hall, Woolwich (8.0); Stoke Euro-Sporting Club (at King's Hall, Stoke).

LAWN TENNIS: Nabisco Masters doubles championship (at Royal Albert Hall, London)

SNOOKER: Holmester world doubles tournament, final stages (at Derngate Centre, Northampton).

CRICKET: CHANCES RECEDE OF BOTHAM PLAYING IN THIRD TEST

England show a purpose that augurs well for task ahead

From John Woodcock, Cricket Correspondent, Melbourne

England beat Victoria here yesterday, for the first time since 1962-63, by five wickets. It was a match they had been near to winning last Saturday evening, yet did so in the end with only 17 balls to spare. They left afterwards for Adelaide, where the third Test match starts on Friday.

Needing 184 in a shade under three hours, England were usefully served by Slack, Whitaker, Lamb and Gower, who all pooled their weight and played attractive strokes. There was a purpose about England's batting yesterday which augurs well for the day after tomorrow.

On a pitch that had become slower and easier the drier it got, England had done well in the morning to pick up Victoria's last four wickets for 49 runs. It was good to see Foster getting three of them. Although his control was wayward, he had had no luck on Monday, and even with Botham unable to bowl he must be disappointed not to be next in line to join the Test attack.

Having batted and battled away for nearly six hours to reach his hundred, Hibbert clipped Edmonds to mid-on when nine short of it. By then Lamb had taken a lovely low catch at third slip, which got rid of Domattina, a distinctly promising batsman-wicket-keeper. England were batting by 12 o'clock – the last hour began at 2.40, to allow the party to catch the flight to Adelaide – and by lunch Athey, as he tends to do, had followed a good first innings with a low score in the second, caught at the wicket aiming an offside force.

Whitaker proceeded then to show with what splendidly little fuss he scores his runs, playing each ball on its merits as he sees them. He is a hard straight hitter between mid-off and mid-on, the bat going through the line of the ball, and can punch it off the back foot as well. His hooking was untidy, though when he middled one it went a long way, almost far enough to reach the most distant of the Melbourne boundaries, a good 100 yards away without any run on the ball.

Whitaker was caught at slip off the front edge, trying to turn to leg a ball from Bright that turned. Apart from this, Bright had a rough time of it. Known for his economical bowling (2.3 runs per over in Test cricket) more than for his wicket-taking (53 wickets in 25 Tests), he was now treated with disdain by Lamb.

Bright will probably be playing against England on Friday – unless the Australian selectors who were present yesterday disliked what they saw – and it was as though England had decided on a calculated attempt to rattle him. Several times Lamb made room to hit him over long-off or extra cover.

It was a game Victoria were noticeably keen to win. But Slack joined in the baiting of Bright with one or two fine straight hits, and when Lamb went to a full toss, which he hit to mid-on, Gower finished off the job for England, assisted by Gatting until, with only four runs needed, he was bowled by a ball that scarcely left the ground.

It was England's third proper victory of the tour, the others being against South Australia and in the first Test match. There is no great merit in beating a country XI, as England have, in a limited-overs match, unless they are properly bowled out.

Botham gives himself very little chance of playing in Friday's Test match, even as a batsman only. He saw a specialist again yesterday and nothing will be decided before tomorrow. Should Botham be ruled out, Slack or Whitaker may expect to replace him, and as they both played yesterday neither of them would let the side down. Purely on the form of the tour, Whitaker would be unlucky not to be the first pick of the two; but Slack could bat at No. 3, should England lose an early wicket, and he is much the more experienced of the two.

The alternative is to play an extra bowler in Botham's stead, which would mean having Richards at No. 6. In all the circumstances a four-man attack, with Gatting as the fifth bowler, would seem preferable to a long tail, certainly an attack that had two spinners rather than one. England, after all, are one up in the series.

The Australians, I'm sure, would be delighted if the Edmonds-Emburey partnership were to be broken up, especially at Adelaide where, in the absence of high-class fast bowling, good spin is almost always what a captain most values. A more practical option than dropping Edmonds might be to replace DeFreitas with Small, on the grounds that Small is the more accurate and, having played for South Australia last season, knows the ground well. I would be inclined to do this, while regretting the temporary loss of DeFreitas's batting and fielding.

Any idea of bringing Pringle over from Sydney (where he has been doing quite well in grade cricket), or sending to Tasmania for Ellison was discussed only in passing. The only justification for this would be if Botham were to be told that he must do nothing for several weeks, which would leave England with DeFreitas as their only all-rounder. Failing that there is an obligation to the present party to leave the job to them.

VICTORIA: First Innings 101 (M W Gatting 4 for 31).

Second Innings

D F Whatmore c and b Small	43
A I C Dodemaide lbw b Small	24
D M Jones c Richards b Small	29
P A Hibbert c Gower b Edmonds	91
I D Siddons c sub b Small	3
S P O'Donnell st Richards b Edmonds	77
I D Frazer c Richards b Small	10
†M G D Domattina c Lamb b Foster	20
M G Hughes b Foster	20
*R J Bright lbw b Foster	1
S P Davis not out	0
Extras (b 9, lb 8, nb 10)	27
Total	345

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-60, 2-105, 3-107, 4-112, 5-239, 6-263, 7-308, 8-342, 9-344, 10-345.

BOWLING: Small 40-9-81-5; Foster 42.1-9-115-3; Gatting 24-6-57-0; Edmonds 25-5-50-2; Athey 4-0-25-0.

ENGLAND XI: First Innings 263 (C W J Athey 58, B N French 56; A I C Dodemaide 4 for 76).

Second Innings

W N Slack c Domattina b O'Donnell	35
C W J Athey c Domattina b Dodemaide	10
J J Whitaker c Whatmore b Bright	48
A J Lamb c Jones b Bright	36
D I Gower not out	28
*M W Gatting b Dodemaide	17
†C J Richards not out	0
Extras (lb 1, w 8, nb 1)	10
Total (5 wkts)	184

B N French, P H Edmonds, N A Foster and G C Small did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-14, 2-88, 3-112, 4-140, 5-180.

BOWLING: Hughes 8-0-24-0; Dodemaide 12-2-46-2; O'Donnell 12.1-3-36-1; Bright 10-1-54-2; Jones 3-0-23-0.

Umpires: R C Bailhache and D W Holt.

Indian batting practice

Gwalior (Reuter) – Sri Lanka opened their tour of India with a draw against the Indian Cricket Board President's XI, a game enlivened on the last day by some fine stroke play from the Indian batsmen.

The President's XI, resuming at 80 for one, indulged in some attractive batting practice on a dead pitch at the Roop Singh stadium as they amassed 355 for four in reply to Sri Lanka's massive first innings total of 504 for four declared.

Raman Lamba hit a sparkling 113, including two sixes and 11 fours, driving powerfully through the off side before being caught off Gurusinghe. Lamba's overnight partner, Laichand Rajput, was 18 short of his century when he was bowled by the left arm spinner, Anurasiri, both batsmen staking claims for a place in India's Test match side with their second-wicket stand of 145.

Both Mohammad Azharuddin, who hit 52 not out, and Raman, unbeaten on 39, kept up the attack against the Sri Lankan bowlers, delighting the large crowd with some fluent strokes.

The Sri Lankans, whose morale-boosting total revolved around a magnificient unbeaten 227 by their opener, Sidath Wettimuny, now play the Indian Under-25 team in a three-day match, starting on Friday.

SRI LANKANS: First Innings 504 for four dec (S Wettimuny 227 not out, R L Dias 81, L R D Mendes 65, A P Gurusinghe 59; S Gudge 4 for 171)

BOARD PRESIDENT'S XI: First Innings

*K Srikkanth c Dias b Ratnayeke	31
L S Rajput b Anurasiri	82
R Lamba c Juranpathy b Gurusinghe	113
Arun Lal b Juranpathy	34
M Azharuddin not out	52
W V Raman not out	39
Extras (b 1, lb 2, nb 1)	4
Total (4 wkts)	355

Kirti Azad, †K S More, S Gudge, R P Singh and R S Ghai did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-39, 2-184, 3-249, 4-279.

BOWLING: Ratnayeke 15-5-47-1; Ratnayake 17-3-44-0; de Silva 15-0-57-0; Anurasiri 23-3-78-1; Juranpathy 18-0-65-1; Gurusinghe 9-2-30-1; Dias 5-0-31-0.

Counties on head hunt

First-class counties are on a major shopping spree – with Graham Dilley, Kent's England paceman, and Geoff Boycott, former England and Yorkshire opener, topping their lists.

Boycott, is now virtually certain to sign a contract to join Derbyshire next month. At the club's annual meeting on Monday night, the Derbyshire captain, Kim Barnett, said: "We need his runs. Geoff is a very professional man and I can see no problems. We need an extra 2,000 runs from somewhere next season, and I believe Geoff is the man for the job."

But counties queuing to capture Dilley were warned yesterday about illegal approaches.

The Kent secretary, David Dalby, spelt out the message: "Dilley is under contract to us until January 1 and no attempt should be made to talk to him about his future before then."

What concerned Kent was a suggestion that Hampshire, who have said they will be interested in Dilley when his contract expires have skipper, Mark Nicholas, in Australia and available to talk to Dilley in Melbourne this week.

Kent already have their captain, Chris Cowdrey, in Australia with a new two-year contract for Dilley.

Dalby said: "I can't believe any county would have asked their captain to make an approach to Dilley at this stage. It would be quite contrary to TCCB regulations."

He added: "We hope the situation will be resolved by the end of the year with Dilley agreeing to a new contract so ruling out any approaches by other counties."

Meanwhile, Derbyshire are also keen to sign Ian Botham, but a member of their committee, the former Test selector, Charlie Elliott, returned from Australia last weekend without any firm indications from the all-rounder about his plans.

Out in the cold: Graham Gooch and his wife, Brenda, brave the wet weather for a night on the town in London's West End

Gooch puts Brentwood before Bondi

To Graham Gooch, ensconced for the winter in his Brentwood home, the news from Australia is unexpected. No, he is not surprised that England are winning. What astounds him is the continued absence of any off-the-field stories emanating from Down Under.

In the West Indies last winter, he knew little else. The political balloons went up, Gooch's shoulders drooped, and his walrush-like countenance grew ever sadder.

Brentwood is not everybody's idea of Elysium – not, at least, after being in the Caribbean. Gooch, though, was glad to be home with his wife, Brenda, after all the fuss over his South African connections. It is no surprise to learn now that he is not missing touring Australia.

He is not idling the winter away – though he could afford to do so, what with his earnings from South Africa, a lucrative benefit, Tests and tours, endorsements and books.

Out Of The Wilderness, his account of the 1982 South African Breweries' tour, and his subsequent ban from international cricket, sold nearly 10,000 hardback copies. Yet Gooch is looking to his future – as sportsmen are wont to say.

Now 33, he begins a new job in January, which may mean he will not tour again. He will be working in public relations and promoting cricket equipment and clothing for Stuart Surridge.

It will involve setting up exhibitions, some of which will carry on in the summer, when, rest assured, he will be back playing for Essex and, presumably, for England. Some years ago, he trained to be a toolmaker, but that qualification is now as good as useless with the advent of computerised machinery and metrication.

Otherwise, he is keeping fit, training three days a week with West Ham, shovelling topsoil in his garden, losing weight through running and sometimes going to bed at nine o'clock if the nanny is away and it is his turn to feed the twins in the small hours.

"Our three children put me under pressure," he says. "I have become conditioned to losing sleep and not being able to read the papers during the day. It is a palaver loading the children into the car and, if we had not had twins, I might have gone to Australia. Yet I am enjoying being a father.

"When one has done five or six tours, it depends on individual circumstances whether one wants to go again. John Emburey (Gooch's best cricketing friend) telephoned me from Australia and said the number of flights England were having to undertake was horrendous. There was no time off."

Gooch's decision to put his family before his career, and the unlikelihood of Ian Botham's touring again, may well have started a trend that other established Test cricketers will follow. There was bound to be a reaction sooner or later to incessant cricket and travelling. Gone are the years when England had no winter tour.

Gooch's decision not to tour has brought him varied criticism. A sensitive and wary man, more upset than most by adverse comment, he did not think much of one correspondent's incredulity that he could prefer a winter in Breutwood to sitting on a beach in Sydney drinking Foster's. Gooch has, in fact, said he would be available for the one-day matches after Christmas in the event of injury.

What Gooch would like to do this winter is to go back to South Africa – not to play, but to visit Ken McEwan, his close friend, who retired from Essex last year. If he did, he knows he would "get it in the neck", as he puts it. However, he was sounded out as to whether he wanted to play in South Africa this winter and has not ruled out playing there in the future.

Gooch will leave his lair just once this winter. Before Christmas, he will spend four days in Hong Kong, contesting another of those all-rounder challenges, in which Imran Khan, Kapil Dev, Richard Hadlee and Clive Rice are also competing.

Twins or no twins, Gooch will be catching up on his sleep over the next week.

Ivo Tennant, 9p6

FOOTBALL

Bailey (left) and Higgins waiting in the wings for recall by Ferguson

Forest buy £90,000 Norwegian

By Dennis Shaw

Nottingham Forest have signed Kgetil Osvald, the 25-year-old Norwegian international midfield player, for £90,000, although it might be six weeks before he becomes eligible to play for the championship-chasing squad.

Forest fear that obtaining his work permit could take that long. Their manager, Brian Clough, flew to Osvald's club, Lillestroem, to complete the deal after the player impressed him during a trial period at City Ground.

Osvald, a talented ball-player with 14 caps, scored Norway's goal against Argentina in a friendly international in Oslo before the World Cup finals.

Having seen him in practice matches and two testimonials, Clough sees the Norwegian as having similar potential to Forest's Dutchman, Johnny Metgod, who has become one of the most respected players in division one.

● Alan McDonald pledged his future to QPR today, signing an improved three-and-a-half-year contract which will keep him at Loftus Road until 1990.

The manager, Jim Smith, was anxious to secure the highly-rated 23-year-old Northern Ireland international centre half.

"The negotiations dragged on a bit, but I am happy at QPR and wanted to stay," said McDonald, who still had 18 months of his old contract to run.

● Mich D'Avray, the transfer-listed Ipswich Town striker, has been prevented from holding talks in Holland later this week because he might be needed for Saturday's match at Reading.

D'Avray, aged 24, was due to travel to Roda, the Dutch first division club, who watched him in last Saturday's 2-2 draw with Sheffield United at Portman Road.

Bailey makes early return for reserves

By Clive White

Gary Bailey, England's incapacitated reserve goalkeeper in Mexico, makes a timely return to action on Friday in his first game since February.

His recovery from a worrying knee injury is a month ahead of schedule and comes in the same week that Chris Turner, his deputy at Manchester United, blamed himself for the loss of a two-goal lead against Tottenham Hotspur in last Sunday's television spectacular at Old Trafford.

Bailey will play for the reserves against Irlam Town in a friendly to mark the opening of the North West County League club's floodlights. Alex Ferguson, the United manager, said: "It will be an ideal match for Gary to come back in. He came through a full training session on Monday and provided there is no reaction he will definitely play."

Bailey, who has had two operations since he damaged the knee against West Ham United in a league game, said: "I'm delighted. I've had no problems with the knee."

In May, Bobby Robson, the England manager, decided to take him to Mexico even though he was not fully fit, but he broke down in training.

Since the injury last February Turner, signed from Sunderland before the start of last season, has had an uninterrupted run in the side. And though many people preferred him to Bailey he was not without his own critics.

Comparatively small for a top class goalkeeper – 5ft 10in – he does not dominate his area as boldly as some would like. He accepted the blame for two of Tottenham's goals on Sunday, the first following a chip by Hoddle, the second a high cross by Waddle. On the eve of Sunday's game he commented: "Every game you play for United, you are under pressure."

One United player who came back from a considerably worse injury than Bailey was Mark Higgins, the former Everton and England under-23 central defender.

He retired from the game with a pelvic injury in 1984 on medical advice only to have his career resurrected by Ron Atkinson, the former United manager who was dismissed by the club on November 6, 18 months later.

Yesterday Higgins, for whom United repaid £60,000 in insurance compensation, turned down a loan move to Bury. Higgins, who appeared in two FA Cup ties last season, last appeared for the first team against Sheffield Wednesday in April at the end of a run of six games, but the club would now be willing to part with him.

Oxford's recent form suggests an upset

By Marcus Williams

Oxford, victors in the University rugby match at Twickenham yesterday, will today at Wembley seek their first footballing win over Cambridge for four years in the 103rd meeting between the clubs since the series began in 1874.

Cambridge, who won 2-0 last year, lead by 43 victories to 37, but this term's form suggests Oxford will have the edge.

Figures indicate there is little between the respective records (Oxford: played 15, won 5, drawn 3, lost 7; Cambridge: 11, 3, 3, 5), but in meetings with the same opponents the dark blues have a decided edge. Oxford drew 2-2 with a Tottenham Hotspur XI and 0-0 with an Arsenal XI, while Tottenham trounced Cambridge 8-0 and Arsenal defeated them 2-0. Oxford also had wins over the RAF, Navy and Army, but Cambridge lost to the Navy and shared the points with the RAF.

David Hunter, the Oxford captain and wing player, one of four old blues in the squad, has been declared fit after recovering from an ankle injury, as has Robert Mather, the Cambridge forward, one of four Hampton School representatives in the match. The others form a distinguished trio: Link is the Oxford secretary, and Girdlestone and Sismey are the Cambridge captain and secretary.

Hunter was the only member of today's side to have missed the game last week in which Oxford lost by a single goal to a strong Oxford United XI. Cambridge, too, who field five blues, performed encouragingly in their final outing, a draw with Cambridge United, in which Bail, the light blues' goalkeeper and a Somerset cricketer, maintained a clean sheet.

This is the second year the fixture has been sponsored by St Quintin, the London chartered surveyors, who are also supporting the final stages of the English Schools FA under-13 six-a-side competition, which will be staged before the kick-off today.

OXFORD: T Phillips (QEGS Blackburn and Magdalen); K Ingram (St Cyres, Penarth and University), D Pimblett (Rainford HS and Oriel), *G Link (Hampton and Pembroke), M Crawley (Manchester GS and Oriel), M Daly (Northolt HS and Pembroke), A Jones (Lanymor Upper and St Edmund Hall), D Ruddin (St Edward's and Pembroke), T Burns (Bradbury and Pembroke), *G Harper (Abingdon and St Edmund Hall), *D Hunter (QEGS Blackburn and Oriel, capt). Subs: *R Sidebottom (Lytham St Annes HS and Pembroke), S Woolhouse (Bradfield, Sheffield and Keble).

CAMBRIDGE: P Bail (Millfield and Downing); *A Spurling (Tonbridge and Trinity Hall), N Jenkins (Wooton Upper and Robinson), *R Sismey (Hampton and Trinity), *R Girdlestone (Hampton and St John's, capt), S Palmer (Varndean College and Christ's), S Bradley (Nelson and Colne College and St John's), I McKinnon (Benfield and Girton) *C Elliott (Forest and Girton), R Mather (Hampton and Trinity Hall), *T Warner (International School, Geneva and Churchill). Subs: J Hinton (Beacon and Downing), N Craggs (Longcroft and Selwyn).

Referee: M J Bentman (Huntingdonshire). *A blue

Family areas scheme hits snags

A revolutionary plan by Derby County to bring down the barriers at the Baseball Ground and introduce a unique membership key scheme for fans has run into opposition from the police.

The club wants to open up a new family enclosure with computerized membership keys, and the managing director, Stuart Webb, believes that taking away the high-security fencing at that end of the ground is vital to the creation of a "happy family atmosphere".

Derbyshire police have voiced their fears about the removal of the barriers, and senior officers are expected to renew their opposition when they meet representatives of the County Council's public protection committee at the ground on Friday.

Mr Webb said yesterday: "We have hit snags, but we hope they can be overcome. Originally we supported a total ban on visiting fans, as at Luton, but we now believe the creation of special family areas is a better scheme.

"I'm sure what we are planning, with admission by special key, is better than the Government's idea of a compulsory membership card. Any troublemaker could be banned by removing his code from the computer and making his key useless."

ATHLETICS

Thompson in mixed pairs test

Paris (AFP) – Daley Thompson, Britain's Olympic, world, European and Commonwealth champion, will compete against his great West German decathlon rival, Jürgen Hingsen, in a mixed pairs pentathlon here on January 18, a French athletics coach, Michel Lerouge, said yesterday.

Lerouge said Thompson would team up with Judy Simpson who won the Commonwealth heptathlon title and was the bronze medal winner in the European Championships in Stuttgart.

Hingsen will be partnered by his compatriot, Birgit Dressel, fourth in Stuttgart, in a competition comprising 60m hurdles, long jump, shot put, high jump and 600m for both men and women. The men's and women's races will be run separately but the field events will be held simultaneously.

The organizers, the National Sports Institute, are hoping to entice the East Germans, Torsten Voss, fourth in the Stuttgart decathlon, and Anke Behmer, the European heptathlon champion, to this hybrid competition.

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Jenny MacArthur assesses the man in the driving seat

Princess Anne takes over FEI reins from her father

The Duke of Edinburgh retires after 22 years as president of the Fédération Equestre Internationale at today's FEI general assembly at the Waldorf Hotel, London.

He is succeeded by Princess Anne, who, like her father, brings to the role the experience of being a competitor. She was European three-day event champion in 1971 and competed in the 1976 Olympic Games in Montreal.

The princess is the sole candidate for the office of president, the only other names proposed – Christian Le Grez, former president of the French federation, and Count von Landsberg, head of the West German federation – having failed to meet with the unqualified approval of the FEI bureau.

The organisation Princess Anne is taking over – based at its Swiss headquarters in Bern – is much more complex than the one Prince Philip inherited from his predecessor, Prince Bernhard, of The Netherlands, in 1964. There are now 85 member-countries compared with 52 then.

The Duke: 22 years in saddle

Shamateurism campaign

It governs twice as many sports – endurance riding, carriage driving (started by Prince Philip in 1970) and the somewhat spurious tent-pegging and vaulting having been added to the more traditional disciplines of dressage, three-day eventing and show-jumping.

Above all, the last 20 years have seen an enormous growth in the professionalism and commercialisation of equestrian sports, which puts a premium on strong FEI leadership.

With the exception of the unsuccessful attempt, in the early 1970s, to clear up "shamateurism", the FEI under the Duke has rarely failed to show that authority. Himself a natural leader, Prince Philip has shown from the start his ability to weigh up a new idea quickly and to assess its implications for the sport.

One of the earliest and most important innovations under his presidency was the introduction of veterinary regulations in 1966. Well aware of the harmful effect on the sport of distressed – or obviously tired – horses, the Duke made the establishing of such veterinary requirements a priority.

The subject of horses' welfare returned in the late 1970s when he had to deal with the controversial subject of the painkiller phenylbutazone, known as "Bute", after the general assembly had got in a muddle over the issue.

In 1976, they proposed that horses having Bute should be described as such in the programme of an event. It was also proposed to forbid its use for dressage horses. The following year the assembly banned it altogether after a 'snap' vote.

Prince Philip, an advocate of Bute to a permitted level, overruled the vote (it had not been on the agenda) and reopened the discussions. In 1980, it was agreed that Bute, up to a certain level, should be allowed.

But the most contentious issue during the Duke's long term of office – and one for which many of Britain's show jumpers still bear resentment – was the FEI's 1973 decision, led by Prince Philip, to put an end to "shamateurism".

Following the conditions laid down by the International Olympic Committee, 20 of Britain's top riders, including David Broome, Harvey Smith, Malcolm Pyrah and the late Caroline Bradley were forced to turn professional.

The other countries – notably France and West Germany – failed to follow suit, and were not made to do so by the FEI. Britain were left stranded, unable to field their best riders in the Olympics.

It is ironic that, in the year of Prince Philip's retirement, the issue has now finally been resolved with the new IOC regulations – brought about largely through the efforts of the British Equestrian Federation – which enable a professional to renounce his status if he wishes to compete in the Olympics.

The occasional sting, however, has not stopped the Duke from grasping the nettle. When the idea of the FEI Volvo World Cup for showjumping was first discussed in 1977, some members of the bureau were against the idea of the FEI's being linked with a commercial name.

Prince Philip, who believed that it was possible for a commercial sponsor to put a vast amount of money into the sport – "in this case, £1 million" – and still be controlled, gave the go-ahead. The competition is now in its ninth year and has proved a firm success with the riders, while remaining under FEI control.

A natural style of leadership

Other additions to the international calendar during the last 20 years have included the President's Cup – now called the Prince Philip Trophy – for the most successful Nations Cup Team of the Year, the Tarmac showjumping competition and Haig dressage – for countries who, for reasons of distance or resources, are not able to compete at the regular FEI-organised European and world championships – and, in 1985, the Nasua World Cup for dressage.

But, if the federation which Prince Philip hands over to his daughter today is twice as big as the one he inherited, its stature has grown accordingly. The Duke's firm and natural style of leadership – much homework and meticulous planning has gone into his astute handling of the general assembly – has helped to ensure this.

While, in other sports – notably tennis – the players seem to call the tune, Prince Philip's legacy is a federation that remains firmly in control of the sport.

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TELEVISION AND RADIO

Edited by Peter Dear and Peter Davalle

The love that came with the post

● If Alex McCall's **Love Letters** (BBC2, 9.35pm) carries any message at all – and I am not talking about the messages that pass to and fro between the two central characters and give the film its raison d'etre – it must surely be that you had better be careful what you do with those old love letters you might have stuffed into the back of a drawer, tied up in ribbon. Fortunately for Betty (Lancashire lass) and Chuck (American lad), their correspondence fell into the caring hands of Desmond Wilcox and his team who make the current series of *The Visit*. One shudders to think what might have been made of them had they ended up in less sensitive hands. Even so, I was a trifle uncomfortable watching tonight's film, feeling as if I was reading someone else's private letters – which, of course I was. It

CHOICE

is no use pretending that Betty's letters to Chuck and his to her are either literary or romantic masterpieces. I suggest we should regard them as the only bridge across which an eventually hopeless love affair could cross during the Second World War. Betty and Chuck met only once – and then only briefly – at a GI's dance. They corresponded for years. He believed she was true only to him. She knew she had not been, but did not tell him. Eventually, both of them now much older and much wiser and much married, they are to meet again. Viewers' reactions to the reunion will, I suspect, be mixed Either there will not be a dry eye in the house, or you will feel apprehensive about what might come flying out when this particular Pandora's Box is opened in the presence of a not disinterested third party.

● **Breaking Up** (BBC2, 9.25pm), Nigel Williams four-part drama serial about a family that is doing precisely that, ends tonight. If you are expecting a happy ending, with all grey clouds dispersed, then you will not have been listening intelligently to what Williams has been trying to tell you for the past four weeks. Pain and anger and confusion have been the staples in *Breaking Up*, and the kind of cement that is going to be needed to put this smashed family back together again is not the sort that comes out of the Good Fairy's locker, even if – as happens somewhat conventionally tonight – the adhesive is applied against the background of a school's Christmas show with archangel in attendance and plentiful supplies of seasonable good will.

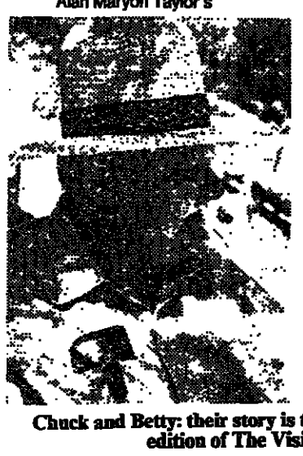
● Radio choice: Tonight brings the last of Lord McCluskey's **1986 Reith Lectures** on the theme of law, justice, and democracy (Radio 4, 7.45pm). They have set so many fascinating hares running that I am glad to have the opportunity to study their courses in detail in *The Listener* every week ....**Kaleidoscope Extra** (Radio 4, 4.45pm) is devoted to actors turned directors and, predictably enough, Simon Callow and Sheila Hancock oblige with their thoughts on the matter....Musical highlight: the all-Henze concert, recorded in Cologne in September,with the BBC Philharmonic, BBC Singers and some fine soloists (on Radio 3, 7.30pm).

Peter Davalle

The Hull-based band, The Housemartins star in a Hold Tight Special (ITV; 4.45)

BBC 1

6.00 Ceefax AM.
6.30 News headlines followed by **The Flintstones.** (r) **6.55 Weather.**
7.00 Breakfast Time with Frank Bough, Sally Magnusson and Jeremy Paxman. National and international news at **7.00, 7.30, 8.00** and **8.30**; regional news and travel at **7.15, 7.45** and **8.15**; weather at **7.25, 7.55** and **8.25.**
8.40 Watchdog presented by John Stapleton. Viewers have the opportunity to question Mike Bett of British Telecom about the nation's telephone service **8.55** Regional news and weather **9.00 News.**
9.05 Day to Day. Robert Kilroy-Silk chairs a studio discussion on a topical subject **9.45 Advice Shop.** Margo MacDonald with supplementary benefit information **10.00 News** and weather **10.05 Neighbours.** (r)
10.25 Phillip Schofield with children's programme news, and birthday greetings **10.30 Play School. 10.50 Pinny's House.**
10.55 Five to Eleven. Diana Quick with a thought for the day **11.00 News** and weather **11.05 Day Out** with Angela Rippon in the Vale of Taunton Deane. (r) **11.35 Open Air.** Viewers voice their thoughts on television programmes (including news and weather at **12.00**)
12.25 Domesday Detectives. Team quiz competition on the subject of Britain **12.55** Regional news and weather.
1.00 One O'Clock News with Martyn Lewis. Weather **1.25 Neighbours.** Shane has bad news **1.50 Little Misses.**
2.00 Film: Lady With a Badge (1981) starring Eileen Brennan and Pernell Roberts. A married couple move to a small Wyoming town where the wife is shocked by the corruption that is rife among the town's law enforcers..She decides to run for sheriff. Directed by Jud Taylor. **3.35 Save a Life.** Dr Alan Maryon Taylor's emergency first aid series. (r) (Ceefax)
3.50 Pinny's House 4.00 Animal Fair 4.05 The Adventures of Bullwinkle and Rocky. Part five (r) **4.10 Heathcliff and Co.** Cartoon adventures of an alley cat. **4.35 Hartbeat.** Tony Hart's guide to the art of making pictures.
5.00 Newsround with Roger Finn **5.05 The Children of Green Knowe.** Episode three of the four-part drama based on the book by Lucy M Boston.
5.35 Masterteam presented by Angela Rippon.
6.00 News with Nicholas Witchell and Philip Hayton. Weather.
6.35 London Plus.
7.00 Wogan. This evening's guests are Jonathan and David Dimbleby, Patrick Malahide, and the star of the Royal Variety Show, Victor Borge.
7.35 The Clothes Show. Selina Scott goes shopping for a party dress; Jeff Banks selects last minute gifts; and Jane Lomas investigates the cut-throat business of fashion design. (r)
8.00 Dallas. News of Jenna's condition shakes both Pam and Bobby.(Ceefax)
8.50 Points of View. With Barry Took.
9.00 A Party Political Broadcast on behalf of the Conservative Party.
9.05 News with Julia Somerville and John Humphrys. Regional news and weather.
9.35 The Visit. Betty Allen visits New Mexico to see the man she first met at a GI dance 40 years ago. (Ceefax) (see Choice)
10.25 Sportsnight introduced by Steve Rider. Coverage of the the Guinness Soccer Six indoor football tournament from Manchester; highlights from the match played in Dubai between Celtic and Liverpool; and the final of the Masters International Tennis Tournament in New York.
12.10 Weather.



Chuck and Betty: their story is told in Love Letters, this week's edition of The Visit (BBC1, 9.35pm)

BBC 2

9.00 Ceefax.
12.30 Design and Innovation. An Open University production examining developments in train travel. **12.55 Ceefax.**
2.00 News and weather.
2.02 Sports Afternoon. Highlights of the final of the Nabisco Masters Tennis Tournament in New York; and the Guinness Soccer Six indoor football tournament from Manchester. (including news and weather at **3.00**)
3.50 National and regional news, and weather.
4.00 Pamela Armstrong. This afternoon's guests are John Timpson, John Humphrys, Jilly Cooper and Jane Lapotaire.
4.30 Global Report: The Kerala Solution. Peter Adamson meets young mothers from a village in the populous Indian state of Kerala and discovers why they decided to be sterilized. (r)
5.00 Domesday Detectives. A repeat of the programme shown at 12.25 on BBC 1.
5.30 Cover to Cover presented by Colin MacCabe. Two biographies of Frank Sinatra - Sinatra - My Father, by Nancy Sinatra, which was published with the blessing of Ole Blue Eyes, and His Way, by Kitty Kelley, which he tried to suppress, are discussed; Spike Milligan talks about his Goodbye Soldier; and John Ranelagh's book on the CIA, The Agency, is reviewed.
6.00 Film: Geronimo (1962) starring Chuck Connors. The remaining band of Apache warriors surrender to the United States Cavalry when promised land and food, but an unscrupulous government agent cheats them of their rights. Geronimo then decides to fight the might of the US Cavalry with his 50 men. Directed by Arnold Laven.
7.40 The Pasadena Roof Orchestra play music from the dance band days. (r)
8.30 Out of Court includes the case of ex-policemen John Bugg who is challenging the by-laws on trespass and the use of land around military, especially United States, bases in Britain to show the illegality of their application.
9.00 M*A*S*H. Hawkeye's and Trapper's altruistic gesture of help to re-shape the proboscis of a soldier is treated with suspicion by Hotlips and Frank. (r)
9.25 Breaking Up. The final episode of the drama serial about the effect the acrimonious divorce of his parents has on their son. (see Choice)
10.15 Diving Caves of Marble. The story of the 1982 Anglo-Norwegian expedition to Norway's Lake Glomdal, fed by a glacial river but with no known outlet.
10.45 A Party Political Broadcast on behalf of the Conservative Party.
10.50 Newsnight 11.35 Weather.

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6.15 TV-am: Good Morning Britain presented by Anne Diamond and Richard Keys. News with Gordon Honeycombe at **6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30** and **9.00**; financial news at **6.35**; sport at **6.40** and **7.40**; cartoon at **7.25**; pop music at **7.55**; and video review at **8.35. After Nine** includes guest Tony Adams; a discussion on incontinence: and, at **9.17**, exercises.
9.25 Thames news headlines followed by **Beyond 2000.** The latest technology developments that will see us to the 21st century **10.15 Wild Wild World of Animals.** Bobcats. **10.40 Dangerfreaks.** The world of the stunt artists **11.35 Fabulous Funnies.**
12.00 The Giddy Game Show. (r) **12.10 Our Backyard 12.30 Spin Offs.** Tim Brooke-Taylor continues his exploration of interesting places made more accessible by the M25 orbital motorway.
1.00 News at One with Leonard Parkin **1.20 Thames news.**
1.30 A Country Practice. Medical drama serial set in a remote outback town in Australia. Today, Simon is worried about the responsibilities of fatherhood. **2.30 Farmhouse Kitchen.** Grace Mulligan and her guest, Joscelline Dimbleby, prepare Christmas fare including roast goose, spiced with cinnamon and packed with nuts and fruit.
3.00 Take the High Road. Someone plucks up courage to have a go at Davie Sneddon **3.25 Thames news headlines 3.30 Sons and Daughters.**
4.00 Thomas the Tank Engine and Friends, narrated by Ringo Starr. **4.10 The Telebugs 4.20 S.W.A.L.L..O.W.** David Bellamy's nature series. Today he is with children from Cassop Junior School in County Durham and offers himself as a meal for a leech; meets a four-legged miner; and is doused in an unusual bath.
4.45 Hold Tight Special. The Housemartins in concert.
5.15 Blockbusters. General knowledge quiz game for teenagers, presented by Bob Holness.
5.45 News with Alastair Stewart **6.00 Thames news.**
6.25 Help! With advice on studying on the dole.
6.35 Crossroads. The Bellevue inmates are staggered.
7.00 This Is Your Life. Eamonn Andrews with surprises for another unsuspecting worthy.
7.30 Coronation Street. Bet has mixed feelings about Alec Gilroy. (Oracle)
8.00 Strike It Lucky. Michael Barrymore presents another round of the quiz game that uses the most up-to-date technology.
8.30 The Benny Hill Show. Highlights from the comedian's previous series' With Henry McGee, Bob Todd, Jack Wright, and Geraldine.
9.00 The Equalizer. Robert McCall is asked to help a Russian defector when his cover is blown by a visiting KGB operative. He also comes to the aid of a young man who is being threatened by other youngsters in the neighbourhood to which he has recently moved. Starring Edward Woodward. Last in the series. (Oracle)
10.00 A Party Political Broadcast on behalf of the Conservative Party.
10.05 News with Alastair Burnet and Sandy Gall. Weather followed by Thames news headlines
10.35 Snooker. The last quarterfinal of the Hofmeister World Doubles Championship, introduced by Dickie Davies from the Derngate Theatre, Northampton. The commentators are John Pulman, Dennis Taylor, Rex Williams, Ray Edmonds and Mark Wildman
12.15 That's Hollywood. Bizarre cinematic encounters.
12.40 Night Thoughts.

Per and Barbel Oscarsson at odds with society in Stellan Olsson's film Close to the Wind (Channel 4, 10.00pm)

CHANNEL 4

1.45 Their Lordships' House. (r)
2.00 Snooker. Quarterfinal action in the Hofmeister World Doubles.
4.00 Mavis on 4. In this week's Predicaments programme Mavis Nicholson examines the problem of coping with a senile relation who has become unrecognizable from the person once loved, and talks to people who are having to come to terms with the situation.
4.30 Countdown. Yesterday's winner challenged by Paul Yates, a drama student.
5.00 Silents Please" A condensed version of Lilac Time in which Gary Cooper played a First World War pilot who falls in love with a French girl. He is shot down and the girl, believing him killed, resigns herself to a lifetime of loneliness.
5.30 Hogan's Heroes. Vintage American comedy series about a group of resourceful Allied prisoners-of-war.
6.00 The Abbott and Costello Show" Bud and Lou are forced to paper one of their landlord's apartments when they fall behind with the rent.
6.30 In Time of War 1939-1945: The New World Order. Murray Sayle presents excerpts from a film about the future of British Imperialism; and a debate on What to do with Germany? (Oracle)
7.00 Channel 4 News with Peter Sissons and Beatrice Hollyer includes a report on the Nuclear Inspectorate's investigations into safety at the Sellafield plant, due to be published tomorrow.
7.50 Comment. This week's political slot is filled by Stephen Ross, the Liberal MP for the Isle of Wight. **Weather.**
8.00 Looking Into Paintings. Maggi Hambling discusses her approach to portraiture. (r) (Oracle)
8.30 The New Enlightenment. In this penultimate programme of his series Professor Kenneth Minogue warns of 'governments bearing gifts'
9.00 Down the Line. This month's edition of the magazine programme from Scotland includes an investigation into the hazards of dismantling nuclear power stations; a preview of the rates reform bill; and why remote communities in Scotland have better travelling theatre facilities than their English counterparts.
10.00 Film: Close to the Wind (1969) starring Per Oscarsson and Barbel Oscarsson. A drama about a non-conformist artist, at odds with society, who wins a competition to design and paint a mural for a local company. His initial elation gives way to frustration when the board of directors baulk at the pornographic aspects of the painting and demand modifications. Directed by Stellan Olsson.
12.05 Their Lordships' House. Ends at 12.20.

VARIATIONS

BBC1 WALES 5.35pm-6.00 Wales Today 6.35-7.00 Juice 12.10am-12.15 News and weather SCOTLAND 10.55am-11.00 Dosman 5.35pm-7.00 Reporting Scotland 10.25-12.10am Sportscene 12.10-12.15 Weather NORTHERN IRELAND 5.35pm-5.40 Today's Sport 5.40-6.00 Inside Ulster 6.35-7.00 Masterteam 12.10am-12.15 News and weather ENGLAND 5.35pm-7.00 Regional news magazines.

ANGLIA As London except: 9.25am Sesame Street 10.30 Cartoon 10.35 Short Story 11.00 Sea in Their Blood 11.30-12.00 Mad Jacks 12.30pm-1.00 Gardens for All 1.20-1.30 News 6.00 About Anglia 12.15am Joy in my Soul, Closedown.

BORDER As London except: Starts 9.30am Cartoon 9.35 Sesame Street 10.35 Wild Heritage 11.00 Fantastic Four 11.25 Cartoon 11.30-12.00 Perspective 12.30pm-1.00 Gardening Time 1.20-1.30 News 1.30 Country Practice 3.00-3.30 Lord Snelbourne at Home 6.00-6.35 Lookaround 12.15am Closedown.

CENTRAL As London except: 9.25am Cartoon 9.35 Shakespeare Trilogy 10.00 Adventurer 10.25 El Pueblo 10.55-12.00 Maureen McGovern 12.30pm-1.00 Something to Treasure 1.20 News 1.30-2.30 Hotel 6.00 Crossroads 6.25-7.00 News 12.15am New Avengers 1.15 Comedy Tonight 1.40 Jobfinder 2.40 Close

CHANNEL As London except: begins 9.25am For Openers 9.28 Cartoon 9.35 Sesame Street 10.30 Poseidon Flies 11.25 Aubrey 11.30-12.00 Captain Scarlet and the Mysterons 12.30pm-1.00 The Sullivans 1.30 Short Story Theatre 2.00-2.30 Problem Page 3.30-4.00 The Young Doctors 6.0-6.35 Channel Report 12.15am Close

GRANADA As London except: 9.25am Granada Reports 9.30 Sesame Street 10.30 Struggle Beneath The Sea 10.55 Aubrey 11.30 Incredible Detectives 11.25-12.00 Connections 12.30pm-1.00 Prizewinners 1.20 Granada Reports 1.30-2.30 Randall and Hopkirk (Deceased) 3.30-4.00 Young Doctors 6.00 Granada Reports 6.25 This Is Your Right 6.30-7.00 Crossroads 12.15am Closedown.

HTV WEST As London except: 9.25am Sesame Street 10.25 Beyond 2000 11.10-12.00 Fall Guy 12.30pm-1.00 Gardening Time 1.20 News 1.30-2.30 Randall & Hopkirk (Deceased) 6.00-6.35 News 12.15am Closedown.

HTV WALES As HTV West exc ept: 6.00pm-6.35 Wales at Six.

TSW As London except: 9.25am News 9.30 World of Stories 9.40 Candid Camera 10.00 Mr T's Christmas Dream 10.55 New Avengers 11.50-12.00 Cartoon 12.30pm-1.00 Gardens for All 1.20-1.30 News 5.15 Gus Honeybun 5.20-5.45 Crossroads 6.00 Today South West 6.30-7.00 Emmerdale Farm 10.37 Ward's World 11.05 Snooker 12.15am Postscript, Closedown.

TVS As London except: 9.28am Cartoon 9.35 Sesame Street 10.30 Poseidon Flies 11.25 Aubrey 11.30-12.00 Captain Scarlet 12.30pm-1.00 Sullivans 1.20 News 1.30 Short Story 2.00-2.30 Problem Page 3.30-4.00 Young Doctors 6.00-6.35 Coast to Coast 12.15am Company, Closedown.

TYNE TEES As London except: 9.25am News 9.30 Sesame Street 10.30 Indian Legends 11.00 Cartoon 11.05-12.00 Children Galore" 12.30pm-1.00 Orphans of the Wild 1.20-1.30 News 6.00-6.35 Northern life 12.15am Certainty of Knowing, Closedown.

ULSTER As London except: 9.25am Sesame Street 10.25 Poseidon Flies 11.15-12.00 Island Wildlife 12.30pm-1.00 Something to Treasure 1.20-1.30 Lunchtime 3.30-4.00 Wild World of Animals 6.00-6.35 Good Evening Ulster 12.10am Bliss in Concert 12.35 News, Closedown.

YORKSHIRE As London except: 9.25am World of Stories 9.40 Otherworld 10.35 Song for Ireland 11.30-12.00 Care Bears 12.30pm-1.00 Lunchtime Live 1.30-2.30 Falcon Crest 6.00-6.35 Calendar 12.15am Moviemakers 12.45-6.00 Music Box.

S4C Starts 12.15pm Film: Aunt Sally' 1.45 Their Lordships' House 2.00 Countdown 2.30 Snooker 4.05 Fideldam 4.20 Guto Goch A Melwen 4.35 Smyrffs 5.00 Bitidowcer 5.30 Five Women Photographers 6.00 Brookside 6.30 Mavis on 4 7.00 Newyddion Saith 7.30 Bias ar Fyw 8.00 Roc 'Rol Te 8.35 Hel Straeon 9.20 Film: Jimmy B and Andre 11.10 New Enlightenment 11.40 A People's War 12.40am Closedown.

Radio 1

MF (medium wave). Stereo on VHF (see below)
News on the half-hour from **6.30am** until **8.30pm** then at **10.00** and **12.00** midnight
5.30am Adrian John **7.00** Mike Smith's Breakfast Show **9.30** Simon Bates **12.30pm** Newsbeat (Frank Partridge) **12.45** Gary Davies **3.00** Steve Wright **5.30** Newsbeat **5.45** Bruno Brookes (Top 30) **7.30** Janice Long **10.00-12.00** John Peel. **VHF Stereo** Radios 1 & 2: – **4.00am** As Radio 2. **10.00pm** As Radio 1. **12.00-4.00am** As Radio 2

Radio 2

MF (medium wave). Stereo on VHF (See Radio 1)
News on the hour. Sports Desks **1.05pm, 2.02, 3.02, 4.02, 5.05, 6.02, 6.45** (mf only), **9.55 4.00am** Colin Berry **5.30** Ray Moore **7.30** Derek Jameson **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.00** Jimmy Young **1.05pm** David Jacobs **2.00** Gloria Hunniford **3.30** David Hamilton **5.05** John Dunn **7.00** Folk on 2 (Tufty Swift, Kwarts, and Pentangle) **8.30** The Spinners and Friends **9.00** Listen to the Band (Charlie Chester with Boscombe Band of the Salvation Army) **10.00** Aspects of Max Wall **10.15** Ralph McTell sings **10.30** The Golden Years (Alan Keith) **11.00** Brian Matthew **1.00am** Charles Nove **3.00-4.00** A Little Night Music.

WORLD SERVICE

6.00 Newsdesk (until 6.30) **7.00** News **7.09** Twenty-four Hours **7.30** Development '86 **8.00** News **8.09** Reflections **8.15** Classical Record Review **8.30** Just a Minute **9.00** News **9.09** Review of British Press **9.15** World Today **9.30** Financial News **9.40** Look Ahead **9.45** Lyrics and Lyricists **10.00** News **10.01** Omnibus **10.30** Jazz Score **11.00** News **11.09** News About Britain **11.15** Street Life **11.25** A Letter from Wales (until 11.30) **12.00** Radio Newsreel **12.15** Masterpiece in Miniature **12.25** Farming World **12.45** Sports Round-up **1.00** News **1.09** Twenty-four Hours **1.30** Development '86 **2.00** Outlook **2.45** Report on Religion **3.00** King Street Junior **4.00** News **4.09** Commentary **4.15** Rock Salad **4.45** World Today **5.00** News **5.09** A Letter from Wales (until 5.15) **5.00** News **5.09** Twenty-four Hours **5.30** Assignment **9.00** News **9.01** Network UK **9.15** Rock Salad **9.45** Recording of Week **10.00** News **10.09** World Today **10.25** A Letter from Wales **10.30** Financial News **10.40** Reflections **10.45** Sports Roundup **11.00** News **11.09** Commentary **11.15** Good Books **11.30** Multitrack 2 – Top Twenty **12.00** News **12.09** News About Britain **12.15** King Street Junior **1.00** News **1.01** Outlook **1.30** Waveguide **1.40** Book Choice **1.45** Body Talk **2.00** News **2.09** Review of British Press **2.15** Network UK **2.30** Assignment **3.00** News **3.09** News About Britain **3.15** Language of Terrorism **4.00** Newsdesk **4.30** Classical Record Review (until 4.46) **5.45** World Today. **All times in GMT.**

Radio 3

6.55 Weather. **7.00** News
7.05 Concert: Haydn (Horn Concerto No 2: Michael Thompson/Philharmonia), Brahms (Wie lieblich sind deine Wohnungen, German Requiem: Vienna Singverein/Vienna PO), Lalo (Cello Concerto: Harrell/Berlin RSO). **8.00** News
8.05 Concert (continued) Sousa (La reine de la mer waltz: Cincinatti Pops), Britten (Suite on English folk tunes, A Time there Was (Simon Rattle conducts the City of Birmingham SO), Michael Blavet (Flute Sonata in G minor: Philippe Allain-Dupré, flute), and Yannick Le Gallard, harpsichord), Bizet (Carmen Suite No 2: LSO), Sousa (The thunderer march/Cincinatti Pops). **9.00** News
9.05 This Week's Composer: Rossini in Paris.Arrangements, including Britten's Matinees musicales (ECO), Respighi's Rossiniana (RPO), Britten's Soirees musicales (ECO)
10.00 Ansermet conducts Stravinsky: New Philharmonia play The Firebird ballet music
10.50 English Recorder and Piano Music: John Turner (recorder), Peter Lawson (piano). Ferguson (Five Bagatelles, Op 9), Rooper (Short sonata for recorder, piano), Milford (Sonatina in F, Op 107,for recorder, piano); and Diversions Op 49 ,for piano
11.30 Matinee musicale: Ulster Orchestra (under David Parry), with Richard Howarth (violin), Michael McGuffin (piano). Rossini (La scale di seta ovoerture), Milford (Idyll: Under the greenwood tree), Reed (Dr Johnson's House), Rachmaninov (Hungarian Dance), Elgar (Serenade in E minor), Fauré (Romance Op 28), Bizet (Carmen suite No 1)
12.30 Transatlantic Blues: Dave Gelly with recordings made by Coleman Hawkins and Benny Carter during their tours of Europe in the 1930s. **1.00** News
1.05 Concert Hall: Allegri String Quartet. Franz Schmidt's Quartet No 1 in A
2.00 Edwardian Clarinet Music: Colin Bradbury, with Oliver Davies (piano). German (Song without Words), Tovey (Sonata Op 16), Richard Walthew (A mosaic in ten pieces (with dedication)
2.50 Record Review: with Paul Vaughan. Includes a review by William Mann of a critical guide to Lieder recordings, Song on Record. Also David Murray's guide to recordings of Ravel's Piano Concerto for left hand (r)
4.00 Choral Evensong: from Canterbury Cathedral. The organist is Allan Wicks, and the assistant organist Michael Harris
5.00 Midweek Choice: records of works by Fodor (Symphony No 4: Hague Residentie), Franck (Piece heroique: Longhurst,organ), Pergolesi (Stabat Mater: LSO/Marshall/Valentini Terrani), Bruch (Scottish fantasia: Perlman/New Philharmonia)
7.00 Debut: Marcantonio Barone (piano). Chopin (Scherzo No 1 in B minor), Scriabin (Sonata No 7 in F sharp), Ravel (Alborada del gracioso)
7.30 Henze: BBC Philharmonic (under Joly). With Teresa Cahill (soprano), Susan Kessler (mezzo), Martyn Hill (tenor), Alan Opie (baritone), Ian Brown (piano). Part 1. Novae de infinito laudes. Recording of a concert given in the Philharmonie, Cologne, in September
8.20 Six Continents: Foreign radio broadcasts, monitored by the BBC. With Ian McDougall
8.40 Concert (part two: Henze's Tristan – preludes for piano, tape and orchestra (Knussen conducts)
9.35 Brahms: Endellion String Quartet. Clarinet Quintet in B minor, Op 115, with Andrew Marriner (clarinet)
10.15 New Premises: arts magazine,presented by Nigel Andrews (r)
11.00 Chamber Music from Manchester: Stuttgart Piano Trio. Schubert's Adagio in E flat, D 929
11.57 News **12.00** Close

Radio 4

On long wave. (s) Stereo on VHF
5.55 Shipping. **6.00** News Briefing; Weather. **6.10** Farming. **6.25** Prayer
6.30 Today. Incl **6.30, 7.30, 8.30** News. **6.45** Business News. **6.55, 7.55** Weather. **7.00, 8.00** News. **7.25, 8.25** Sport. **7.45** Thought for the Day. **8.35** Yesterday in Parliament. **8.57** Weather; Travel
9.00 News
9.05 Midweek: Libby Purves with her studio guests (s)
10.00 News; Gardener's Question Time from the Norfolk and Norwich Horticultural Society.
10.30 Morning Story: A New Way to Say Goodnight, by Len Deighton.The reader is John Westbrook.
10.45 The Daily Service (s)
11.00 News; Travel; With Great Pleasure: Peter Barkworth selects his favourite prose and poetry. With Alec McCowen and Penelope Wilton. From the Little Theatre, Sandgate(r)
11.48 Enquire Within: Neil Landor, specialists and the BBC reference library answer queries.
12.00 News; You and Yours: Consumer advice. The presenter is John Howard.
12.27 A Matter of Honour, by Jeffrey Archer. Fifth episode. (s) **12.55** Weather
1.00 The World at One. News
1.35 A Party Political Broadcast by the Conservative Party.
1.40 The Archers. **1.55** Shipping
2.00 Woman's Hour with Sue MacGregor. Includes an interview with the actress Patricia Hodge, seen on BBC TV recently in The Life and Loves of a She Devil
3.00 News; The Afternoon play: London Belongs to Me, by Norman Collins (s)
3.47 Time for Verse: Minor Victorians with Kingsley Amis. Part 3 (s)
4.00 News
4.05 File on Four. Issues at home and abroad.
4.45 Kaleidoscope Extra: The actor as director. With contributions from Simon Callow and Sheila Hancock.
5.00 PM News Magazine. **5.50** Shipping. **5.55** Weather
6.00 News; Financial Report
6.30 Instant Sunshine – Reasonably Together

Simon Callow: Kaleidoscope Extra, R4, 4.45pm

Again: Entertaining words and music with special guests, The Hot Club of London (s)
7.00 News
7.05 The Archers
7.20 In Business. News for the business world.
7.35 The Reith Lectures 1986: Law, Justice and Democracy by Lord McCluskey.
8.15 Analysis: Men of Property. Just over half the population are house owners. They are also prodigious borrowers. What are the consequences for the country's financial managers?
9.00 Thirty-Minute Theatre: The Interview, by Edward Mason.
9.30 How Long Can You Get? Opera singer Robert Lloyd gives another lighthearted talk.
9.45 Kaleidoscope. Includes items on the English Shakespeard Company's production of The Henrys, and an interview with Laurens van der Post.
10.15 A Book at Bedtime. The Fall of Kelvin Walker: a fable of the 60s by Alasdair Walker. Part 6. Read by Bill Patterson. **10.29** Weather.
10.30 The World Tonight
11.15 The Financial World Tonight
11.30 Today in Parliament
12.00 News; Weather. **12.33** Shipping

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SPORT

Hint of three-year ban on English return to Europe

From David Miller, Zurich

There was good news and bad news here yesterday at the headquarters of FIFA. Joao Havelange, the president, said there was no possibility of Britain losing the separate identities of their four associations. But Jacques Georges, president of UEFA, said he thought it was unlikely there could be a return to European competition of English clubs within two years, never mind next season.

The two leaders of football were attending, with many other international figures, the premiere of *Hero*, the official film of the World Cup in Mexico last summer, by Worldmark, who produced *G'Olè* in 1982 in Spain. Havelange was responding to the controversial allegation made recently by Harry Cavan, of Northern Ireland, vice-president of FIFA, that the home associations were likely to be forced to amalgamate.

"Apart from football considerations, I am a lawyer, and the British associations have a legal right to retain their separate membership," Havelange said. "Their membership goes back 80 years, they were themselves founded before FIFA, and we have no intention of taking away what was given to them as a right as individual associations."

This is encouraging. Ted Crocker and Ernest Walker, the respective secretaries of the English and Scottish FAs, were quick to denounce Cavan's remarks at the time, as were the Irish FA.

Havelange yesterday went further in his support, saying it had been supposed when he became president that he would disband the international board. This governs the laws and Britain shares equal power in decision-making with FIFA. Yet Havelange said he recognized Britain's contribution and the international board had become stronger, not weaker.

The commission which is to review and revise FIFA statutes recently began its work. It will look at the position of the British, following the proposal made at the congress in Mexico last summer, by Guinea and others, that Britain should be reduced to a single vote. This proposal was withdrawn.

All the continental confederations and member associations will be asked to give their opinion on Britain's individual memberships. Undoubtedly the Third World, and the Eastern Europeans, will be antagonistic. But when I asked Havelange whether it was possible that Britain would be made to field a single team in World Cup competition, he replied that he thought it unlikely. It must be hoped his expectation is soundly based.

Georges said, sympathetic though he was to the English situation, that it was his opinion and also that of the committee of UEFA, that the 1987-88 season would be too soon to re-admit clubs from the Football League. He thought it might be two or three years.

"What is necessary, above all, is for the British Government to introduce legislation that prevents your violent spectators from travelling to the Continent," he said. This, of course, is the conundrum of the controversy over England's exclusion, because Mrs Thatcher repeatedly says there is no constitutional power to institute such prohibitions.

It was agreed by both Georges and Hans Bangerter, the secretary of UEFA, that the English case would strengthen if there was seen to be stability at English matches. "But what is stability?" Bangerter asked. UEFA concedes there is violence elsewhere in Europe at football matches, but it is not violence with a licence and inclination to travel.

● A review of *Hero* will be appearing shortly.

Streaking away: Oxford scrum half Roberts emerges from a scrum minus a shirt: from the resultant penalty, Oxford took the lead. (Photo: Ian Stewart)

Johnson kicks Oxford to victory

Oxford University 15
Cambridge University . 10

Ashley Johnson coolly dropped his second goal of the match two minutes from time to complete Oxford's second successive victory in the University match at Twickenham yesterday.

The crucial score by the Dark Blues stand-off doubled in one match his previous scoring efforts for the side this season.

His other success was another dropped goal in Oxford's only previous victory this season by 18-12 against Northampton — his home town club for whom his father Andy used to play at hooker.

Johnson, who played for England Students against Japan earlier this season, landed his first spot kick in the 19th minute to open the scoring for Oxford after the unfavoured Cambridge side had gone ahead with a splendid try by Chris Oti 10 minutes earlier.

Johnson's vital kick came after Cambridge, with some spirited late running, had pulled back to 12-10 as Mark Thoma kicked a penalty from in front of the posts with five minutes left.

Oxford counter-attacked energetically, won a ruck inside the 22 and Johnson, collecting a pass from his scrum half, Simon Roberts, did the rest.

Oxford, who had had prematch coaching from the Australian master Alan Jones, were given a real fight by the committed Cambridge pack and had to compete for every bit of useful possession.

The full back John Risman, son of the celebrated England international Bev, proved a key figure, kicking three penalties out of four — two in a vital second-half spell — and making a crashing tackle on Oti, who was scenting a second try from a run in the 65th minute.

His opposite number Thomas, also the son of a famous father — the Welsh international Clem Thomas — had a rather more unsettling time and missed three kicks before his straightforward penalty near the end.

The Cambridge try was a classy affair, set up by thescrum half Andy Cushing with a kick ahead. From a ruck Cushing sent the ball out to Tim Lord, who passed to Kelvin Wyles, and Thomas came into the line to send Oti streaking through.

Cambridge's other score came when Wyles scraped over a low dropped goal to put his side 7-6 ahead, a lead they enjoyed until Risman kicked his second penalty soon after half time.

Johnson said afterwards: "I knew with the second chance that there were men outside me, but I reckoned a certain three points was better than risking the chance of running the ball against a defence who had tackled well all afternoon."

The Cambridge captain, Fran Clough, said: "We missed a couple of crucial penalties, but I must say Oxford did not have much to offer in terms of attacking rugby."

OXFORD: Penalties: Risman (3). Drop goals: Johnson (2). CAMBRIDGE: Try: Oti. Penalty: Thomas. Drop goal: Wyles.

Cooper the key to Rangers' survival

By Hugh Taylor

Rangers will embark tonight on their most demanding engagement since the arrival of Graeme Souness brought visions of a return to the old glory days at Ibrox.

Having arrived in West Germany clutching at the slimmest of lifelines to survival in the UEFA Cup, a 1-1 draw at home, they face Borussia Mönchengladbach who have an outstanding European record at the Bokelberg stadium.

Knowing that a 0-0 draw would see them into the quarter-finals, the Germans can dictate how this match is to be played. While their coach, Jupp Heynckes, smiles and says that his team will concentrate on attack because he feels his supporters expect more than a lacklustre draw, the proficient Borussia, as Rangers know, have few superiors in the art of varying styles of play. Indeed, they beat Real Madrid 5-1 last season.

But style is also much on the mind of Rangers. Their elegant, leisurely approach had been thought to be ideal for European competition but recently the rhythm has vanished and Rangers have lost the harmony which brings consistency.

As there is a belief at Ibrox that Borussia, especially with Drehsen suspended, may be suspect in the air, there is likely to be a more vigorous approach tonight in the hope that the powerful West, aided by the equally robust Butcher, will take advantage of the high crosses which must be favoured by Cooper, the outstanding winger in Europe, if Rangers are to score the vital goal.

However, even if Souness declares himself fit to play — and the player-manager will not decide until nearer the kick-off — and Ferguson passes a late fitness test, the odds are stacked against Rangers.

Although Borussia's pride was hurt when a run of 14 unbeaten games ended with a 2-0 defeat at Nuremberg at the weekend, Rangers have been told by their manager that their opponents will be all the more eager to win and go forward in Europe.

Injuries to key men threaten United

From Stuart Jones
Football Correspondent
Split

The key to Dundee United's progress in the UEFA Cup lies in the hands of their own physiotherapist. If Jim McLean was able to select his strongest side against Hajduk Split here tonight, they would protect their 2-0 lead and reach the last eight.

But the lone certainty about the second leg is that United will be depleted, and perhaps severely. Worse still, the band of possible absentees happens to include almost all of their experienced representatives. Hegarty, who missed the first game at Tannadice Park a fortnight ago, has already been ruled out.

Sturrock, who created both of United's goals in spite of a damaged toe, has strained a tendon. Malpas has injured a hamstring, Bannon was unavailable for the last two games and Clark, Hegarty's understudy who scored the potentially decisive second goal, limped off on Saturday with ankle trouble.

McLean is left with only two players who are both fit and accustomed to performing in Europe. Yet Narey has himself recently returned from injury and Milne is, according to his manager, "in a rut, having been at the club for nine years, and is out of form."

Apart from all that, United have another reason for fearing their eventual fate in the arena that sits on the shores of the Adriatic. In the 21 UEFA Cup-ties that have been staged there, Hajduk have never failed to win. On all but six occasions, they have triumphed by at least two goals.

United do not need to equal the feats of Tottenham Hotspur, in 1967, Atlético Madrid, in 1976, Veijle, 1979, or Dynamo Moscow, 1984, who are the only foreign clubs to have beaten Hajduk at home. But McLean, in admitting that "we have to score" recognizes that his defence is unlikely to remain unbroken.

In Deveric and Bursac, the Yugoslavs are armed with two predators notable for their speed. At Tannadice, after an uninspired opening hour, the pair suggested that they could yet penetrate the hopes of United, the club that is carrying Britain's most realistic chances of competing in Europe next year.

Hajduk, inhibited and cautious, were disappointing two weeks ago. "But I don't mind playing against disappointing teams," McLean said.

In their own home, which accommodates 55,000 people, the Yugoslavs are sure to be more convincing, even though their domestic League position confirms that they, like United, are not touching the heights.

Their stadium is shaped like a huge clam but, rather than resembling a protected crustacean, the Yugoslavs will remain true to their name. Hajduk means a bandit who strikes rapidly. In doing so, they could expose themselves dangerously to United's own counter-attacks.

FOOTBALL

Valley Parade set for a full house

The reopening of Bradford City's Valley Parade ground on Sunday looks sure to be a sell-out. Already 12,000 tickets have been sold and club officials are confident of a capacity crowd of 15,500 for the official opening and the Bradford versus England showpiece match.

Bradford have spent £2.6 million rebuilding after the blaze which claimed 55 lives 18 months ago. A purpose-built 5,000 seater stand has gone up on the site of the old stand but bradford have also added a new 7,000 capacity Kop.

The England XI will be managed by Bobby Robson and the Bradford manager, Trevor Cherry, has two of City's best known formerplayers back to boost his side. They are the club's all-time top scorer, Bobby Campbell, who is now at Wigan Athletic, and Peter Jackson, now at Newcastle United.

● The Portsmouth forward, Nicky Morgan, has agreed to join the second division club, Stoke City, in a £40,000 deal. Morgan has been on loan at Stoke and decided to move north after terms between the club had been fixed.

The former West Ham United forward was Portsmouth's leading scorer with 15 goals last season but has played in only four matches this season.

● The Leicester City director, Tom Bloor, has resigned after 12 years on the board.

● Crystal Palace, who have been forced to switch their FA Cup third round home tie with Nottingham Forest to Sunday January 11 because the club with whom they share their ground, Charlton Athletic, are at home in the Cup the previous day, have fixed the kick-off for 3.0. The decision means the game will clash with the televised game between Luton Town and Liverpool.

● Lloyd McGrath, Coventry City's England under 21 midfield player, is to see a specialist about the knee injury which caused him to limp out of last Saturday's match against Leicester City. The club's chief coach, John Sillett, said: "He has taken a few knocks on it this season and the latest one has aggravated the injury."

● The Celtic midfield player, Ronnie Coyle, joined Middlesbrough on a month's loan yesterday with a view to a permanent transfer. The Middlesbrough manager, Bruce Rioch, said a decision would be made on the future of Coyle, aged 21, after a month's loan.

● Gates in the GM Vauxhall Conference have soared this season, boosted by the prospect of the top club gaining admittance to the Football League. Overall attendances are up by 15per cent.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Wigan 'dazed' by crowd cut order

By Keith Macklin

Wigan, the biggest crowd-pullers in the game, have been staggered by an order from the local council to cut their ground capacity from 30,000 to 12,000 under the Safety at Sports Grounds Act.

The Wigan secretary, Mary Charnock, said club directors were "shocked and depressed" when they were told yesterday of the decision made by the council's public protection committee. The cause is a number of allegedly defective crush barriers at the Central Park ground.

The club at least had a measure of consolation when yesterday, Ellery Hanley, the highest-priced and best-paid British player in the game, met chairman Jack Hilton for talks, and agreed to withdraw his transfer request. Hanley, who was priced at £150,000 when he moved to Wigan from Bradford Northern two years ago, will be available for the John Player Special Trophy quarter-final game against Leigh next Sunday.

But the decision to reduce capacity, which takes immediate effect, brings confusion to a match at which 15,000 are expected. "We don't know yet whether to make the match all-ticket," said the Wigan secretary. "We are still in a bit of a daze." She added contractors' estimates of the cost of replacing the defective barriers could be as high as a quarter of a million pounds, with £150,000 the minimum outlay.

Wigan's success over the past seasons has been based largely ontheir big crowds, which allow them to pay for stars like the Australian captain, Wally Lewis, Hanley, and several Springbok internationals. They have used the money for ground developments, including a new grandstand, floodlights and electronic scoreboard.

The club are in a Catch-22 position: they need money to renovate the crush-barriers, and are unable to draw the crowd to gain this. Cutting off of major sources of income at the gates will prove a stumbling block to further development.

Already this season Wigan have drawn 30,000 for the club game against the Australians, 26,000 for the Lancashire Cup game with St Helens and 21,000 for the Great Britain-Australia international match.

They were unlucky in that the local council have sprung this shock in mid-season. Other clubs were warned before the start of the season that improvements were necessary.

The chairman of the public protection committee, Ron Capstick, said the decision had been taken "in the safety interest of supporters".

SNOOKER

Last year's finalists lose shine

By Sydney Friskin

Ray Reardon and Tony Jones, last year's runners-up, were beaten 5-2 by Kirk Stevens and John Virgo, who put themselves in the final of the Hofmeister world doubles championship at Northampton yesterday.

Reardon, wearing an eyeshade as a protection from the lighting which hinders his vision, slightly out-shone his partner who did not have one of his best days.

Stevens and Virgo, though not being particularly brilliant, set out diligently on a task of consolidation and thoroughly deserved their victory. Virgo, who has not won a title for seven years, gave his partner ample support.

After Stevens and Virgo had won the first frame, Reardon made a great effort to save the second, taking the last red and clearing the colours up to the pink. He played a safety shot on the black which was eventually left by Jones for Stevens who took it and put his side two frames up.

Reardon restored the match to an even keel with another splendid effort on the last three colours after Stevens had failed to come out of a snooker. Reardon fired home a long blue and took pink and black to level at 2-2.

Stronger cumulative powers enabled Stevens and Virgo to go 4-2 ahead. Stevens doing more of the scoring, particularly in the sixth frame which he started with a break of 34. Reardon had a good chance in the fifth frame but after taking the green, brown and blue, stumbled over the pink and Virgo cashed in.

Jones, sensing trouble, started the seventh frame in high gear but the advantage he seized was almost cancelled out by Stevens who ended a break of 34 with an unfortunately in-off after potting the green.

Reardon was unable to capitalize and Virgo had his chance of finishing the match only to fail with an easy blue and let in Jones who in turn missed the shot on the pink which Stevens potted to save the match.

● Stevens, who has never won a major title said: "It's helped playing doubles, because I have not won many games this season. I would love to win here because this is still a world title."

RESULTS: Quarter-finals: K Stevens (Can) and J Virgo (Eng) bt R Reardon (Wal) and T Jones (Eng) 5-2. Frame scores (Stevens and Virgo first): 66-11, 69-58, 13-74, 39-50, 70-56, 61-8, 60-52
Monday's fourth round: J White (Eng) and A Higgins (NI) bt R Williams (Eng) and G Miles (Eng) 5-2. Frame scores (White and Higgins first): 91-23, 70-72, 87-35, 89-1, 58-65, 79-0, 73-51

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CRICKET

Richards may sign for league club

Vivian Richards, the world's greatest batsman and captain of the West Indies, may be playing Lancashire League cricket next season.

Rishton's chairman, Wilf Woodhouse, who was responsible for getting Michael Holding, the West Indies Test bowler, to spend one season with Rishton four years ago, said: "There's a good chance Richards will be playing for us. We have actually agreed terms with him and if he doesn't play county cricket, which he wants to do, there's every chance he will come to Rishton.

"We have met his agent and he is highly delighted with our set up. We expect a decision before Christmas."

Richards leaves for Australia on Boxing Day and it is understood he wants his future finalized out by then.

SPORT IN BRIEF

Parker's benefit

Sussex County Cricket Club's longest-serving player, Paul Parker, has been awarded a benefit in 1988. Parker, aged 29, made his debut in 1976 and received his county cap three years later. He appeared in one Test match for England, against Australia at the Oval in 1981. He has reached 1,000 runs in a season on seven occasions and, last summer, was the county's top scorer with 1459 championship runs at an average of 41.68.

Under orders

Roland Lee has withdrawn from Britain's swimming team for this weekend's European Cup in Malmo, Sweden. The City of Cardiff freestyler, one of five from whom the 4 x 100 metres relay team was to be chosen, is attending a course at Sandhurst as he hopes to join the Army.

Parker: Long serving

Laing's chance

Tony Laing, the British light-welterweight champion, will meet West Germany's Tony Habermayer for the vacant European title in London on January 21. If Laing, from Nottingham, is successful, his first defence will be against Terry Marsh, of Basildon, the former champion.

Vintage event

The French Open Real Tennis Championships begin today in Bordeaux where the event has, for the first time, attracted a sponsor — Château Cos d'Estournel vineyards. Wayne Davies, an Australian professional with the New York Racquet & Tennis Club, defends his title against Chris Ronaldson, the world champion. Lachlan Deuchar, the British and Australian Open champion.

Coming West

Oskana Omelyanchik, of the Soviet Union, who won the overall gold medal at the 1985 World gymnastics championships in Montreal, makes her first appearance in the West since then at the Kraft International at Wembley Arena

Quick win

The World Boxing Association cruiserweight champion, Evander Holyfield of the United States, beat his fellow American, Mike Brothers, in Paris in the third-round.

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